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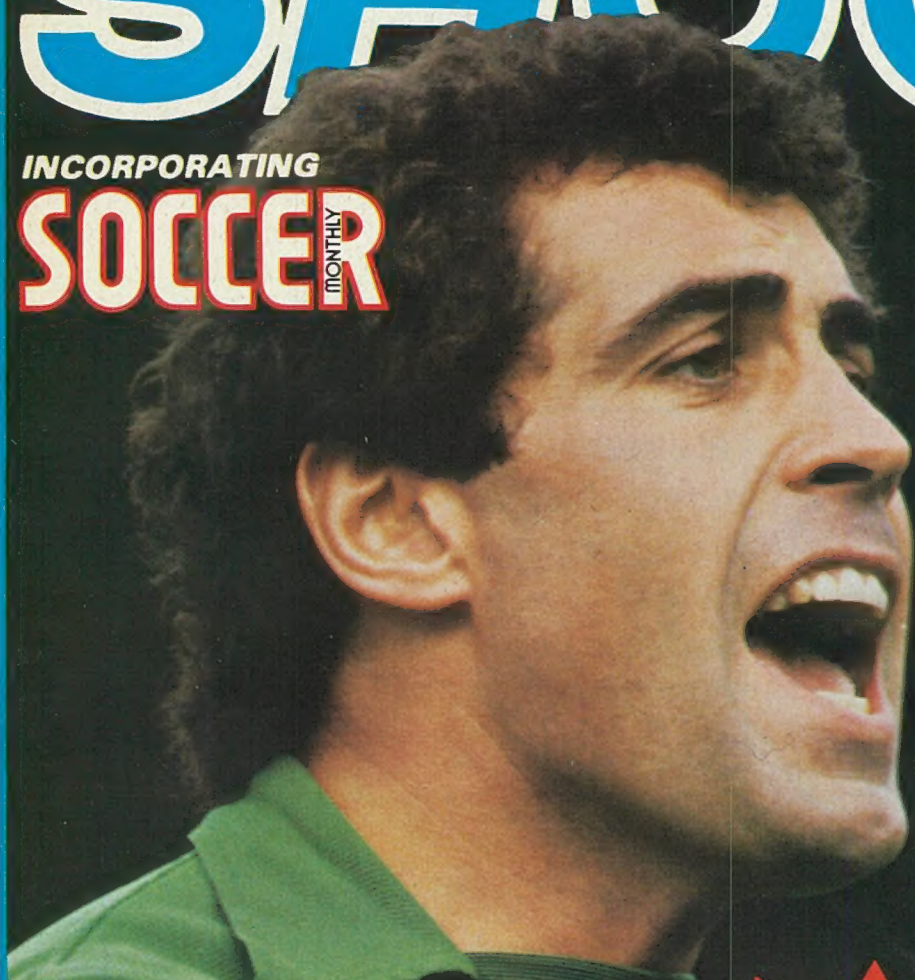
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the England/Switzerland clash
inside.*

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SHOOT! view!

It is three months short of two years since Trevor Francis became Britain's first £1 million footballer.

The red-letter month was February, 1979, which saw Brian Clough splash out a record sum to take Francis from Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest.

Since then seven other players have been sold for £1 million. Steve Daley went from Wolves to Man. City; Andy Gray, from Villa to Wolves; Kevin Reeves, Norwich to Man. City; Clive Allen, Q.P.R. to Arsenal; Ian Wallace, Coventry to Forest; Garry Birtles, Forest to Man. United and Kenny Sansom, Palace to Arsenal in exchange for Allen.

The playing record of this illustrious group since their respective transfers raises the question of whether players are worth £1 million.

Gordon McQueen says consistently in his SHOOT column that NO player is worth that figure in this country. His argument is a powerful one.

Only Trevor Francis, recovering from a serious Achilles tendon injury which ruled him out of the European Championship and the first three months of this season, has truly delivered the goods to justify the sum spent on his capture.

One swallow doesn't make a summer but Trevor Francis' headed goal for Forest against Malmo to clinch the European Cup in 1979 repaid a large chunk of the sterling Forest paid Birmingham for their star striker.

Terrible time

What of the others? Daley, once an England prospect, has had a terrible time at Maine Road, rarely producing the form necessary to justify City's outlay. Hopefully, his improvement this season will continue but as yet his transfer remains an embarrassment.

Andy Gray cost Wolves a record £1.5 million in September, 1979. He scored a creditable 15 goals for Wolves last season but has notched only four this season.

Kevin Reeves has done little to enhance his England claims at City. The goal thrust that excited Norwich fans seems to have deserted him.

Clive Allen, Ian Wallace, Kenny Sansom and Garry Birtles have had little time to show their class since changing clubs. Poor Allen never appeared for Arsenal before he was dispatched to Crystal Palace, and shortly after Terry Venables' departure was dropped to the reserves.

Seven goals for Forest by the end of October confirmed Brian Clough's belief in Wallace and hopefully he will earn his £1 million tag. Birtles? No goals in his first three games but he is too good a striker to remain unrewarded for long.

The facts suggest that managers should give considerably more thought than they do to transfers involving more than £1 million.

BIG MATCH CROSSTALK

ENGLAND v



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Wembley where they have such good support from a big crowd.

SHILTON: We can't complain about the England supporters.

SHILTON: I know you are looking forward to playing at Wembley but how do the Switzerland side view the prospect of playing England away from home?

PONTE: We know it will be a hard game for us because when the groups were known, we thought England would be the most difficult opponents, especially at

FOREST TEAM-MATES

They have really got behind the team over the last two or three years. It has been a pleasure to play in front of them at Wembley and we will be needing all the

support we can get from them against Switzerland.

PONTE: It will be a big occasion for us and I just hope I am lucky enough to be selected. The game will be very important for both sides and with England losing in Rumania and Norway beating us, the group could be a lot closer than people imagined. We felt confident we could push England hard.

*'Rumania
defeat has put
pressure
on us'*

PETER SHILTON

SHILTON: I think it is a lot stronger group than people first thought and the fact that we lost in Rumania does put pressure on us, particularly against Switzerland. Obviously, we cannot afford to lose and we will be looking for a good performance and the right result at the end of the night.

PONTE: We realise England will be very keen to win the game after their disappointment in Rumania. They will have to go in search of goals at Wembley but I don't think we will be defensive in our tactics, especially after the recent upset against Norway. Even before I came to England and found out more about the way the game is



Ray Kennedy gets in a shot on the Swiss goal when the teams last met at Wembley in 1977.



World Cup Standings

GROUP 1								GROUP 2								GROUP 3							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	4	1	4	Eire	4	2	1	1	6	6	5	Wales	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
Austria	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	France	2	2	0	0	9	0	4	USSR	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Albania	2	1	0	1	3	2	2	Belgium	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Finland	3	0	0	3	0	6	0	Holland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	7	0
W. Ger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2	10	0	Czech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SWITZERLAND Wembley

played here, there seems no point in sitting back in defence and letting them come at you.

SHILTON: I know from my games for Forest against Grasshoppers Zurich in the European Cup when you were playing for them and again when we played them pre-season that they have a number of Swiss internationals, but who are the players who could cause us problems at Wembley?

PONTE: You know Claudio Sulser

was with Servette Geneva and Grasshoppers, and my former team-mate Heinz Hermann and Rene Botteron, of Cologne, are also fine players.

SHILTON: Those players you mention are familiar and with some of the players having experience of playing elsewhere in Europe — like France, Germany and, as in the case of yourself, England — they should not be short of experience of top class club football. I under-

stand, too, that Switzerland are quite well off for goalkeepers.

PONTE: I've got to admit that you being a team-mate has given me a new idea about goalkeeping standards, but our number one Erich Burgener is a good player. His team are not doing too well in Switzerland, but he is a good goalkeeper from all points of view, particularly when he has to make reflex saves. Karl Engel is another promising goalkeeper.



Claudio Sulser

INTERNATIONAL RIVALS

quite well. He scored against Forest in Nottingham and again from a penalty in Zurich and I would say he is the best forward and likely to cause England most problems. I played many times with him for Grasshoppers and he is very dangerous in and around the box. We built up a good understanding together and he is particularly strong on his left foot.

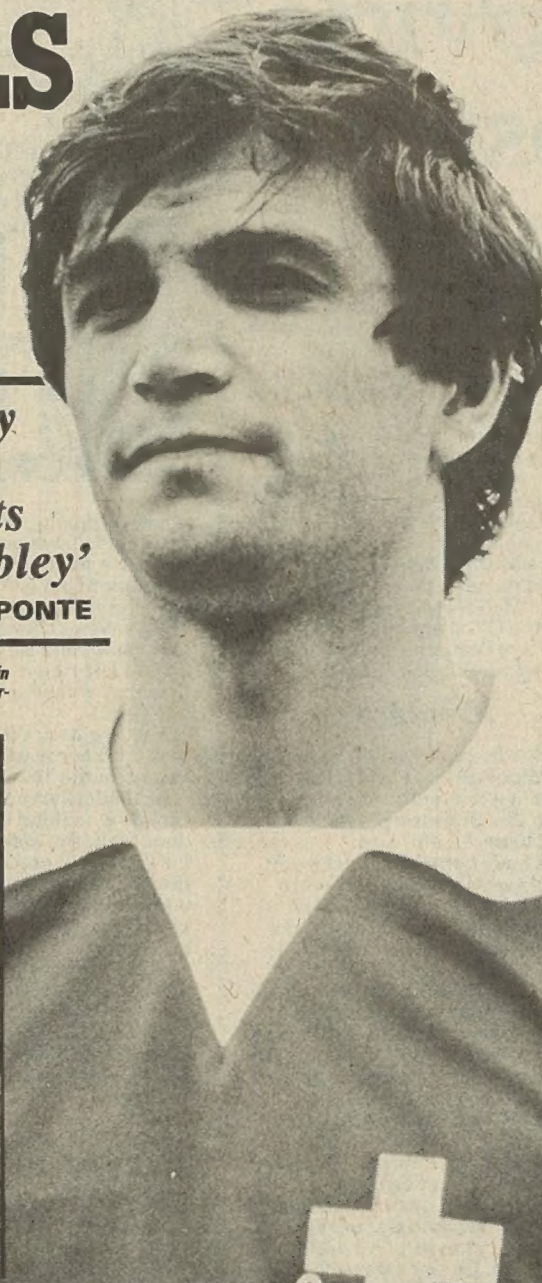
SHILTON: I remember Sulser well. Apart from his shooting power, I also recall him being quick to turn defenders. If he gets a chance on his left foot I'll know what to expect if I'm playing on the night. Is there anyone else we need watch out for?

PONTE: We have some good mid-field players at the moment and there is plenty of competition for places. Umberto Barberis, who plays for Monaco in France, was always regarded as one of the best players in Switzerland when he

'Not easy for opponents at Wembley'

RAIMONDO PONTE

Forest v Grasshoppers in the European Cup Quarter-Final.



SHILTON: I hope whoever plays at Wembley has plenty of work to do, because we will be looking to attack. Which of the England players do the Switzerland team talk about.

PONTE: Football is not such a big talking point in Switzerland as it is in England but, all the same, the players are all well known, particularly Kevin Keegan. He was seen a lot on television in Switzerland because German football is shown out there. We have a high regard for him and Tony Woodcock, who is another player who we have seen plenty of because he plays with Cologne. I think the Switzerland players will be pleased that Trevor Francis is not fit enough to play, but I hope he is soon back in a Forest shirt.

SHILTON: Finally, how do you think the game will end at Wembley?

PONTE: Obviously, it will be very difficult for Switzerland and if we can get a draw we will be happy. And you?

SHILTON: Being at home we must win the match but we have a healthy respect for the Swiss. Let's hope it is a good game.



PAST RESULTS

Date	Venue	E	S
May 20 1933	Berne	4	0
May 21 1938	Zurich	1	2
May 18 1947	Zurich	0	1
Dec 2 1948	Highbury	6	0
May 28 1952	Zurich	3	0
June 20 1954 WC	Berne	2	0
May 19 1962	Wembley	3	1
June 5 1963	Basle	8	1
Oct 13 1971 EC	Basle	3	2
Nov 10 1971 EC	Wembley	1	1
Sep 3 1975	Basle	2	1
Sep 7 1977	Wembley	0	0

GROUP 7

No matches played

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Norway	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
England	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Switz	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugo	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Italy	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Greece	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Denmark	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Luxem	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Scotland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Israel	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sweden	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

REPUBLIC of IRELAND v CYPRUS Dublin

ON recent form, Cyprus don't have much hope of qualifying from Group Two. But that is not to say that the Cypriots will not play a part in deciding who qualifies from their group.

Following France's 7-0 win in Limassol, it looks like the other four teams will be trying to improve their goal difference against the unrated Cypriots.

Next Wednesday, Cyprus pay



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CYPRUS' WORLD CUP RECORD

Date	Opponents	Results	
		Home	Away
1966	West Germany	0-6	0-5
	Sweden	0-5	0-3
1970	Austria	1-2	1-7
	West Germany	0-1	0-12
	Scotland	0-5	0-8
1974	Portugal	0-1	0-4
	Bulgaria	0-4	0-2
	N. Ireland	1-0	0-3
1978	Denmark	1-5	0-5
	Poland	1-3	0-5
	Portugal	1-2	0-4
1982	Rep. Ireland	2-3	
	France	0-7	



Cyprus manager
Costa Talianos

Robinson could provide goal boost



Mick Robinson

Russia 3-0 and Turkey 4-0. Have they got the players to score the goals this time?

Don Givens, who scored all four against Turkey, has been having a lean time of late, and the home crowd have been calling for a replacement. But where does Eion Hand look for a striking partner for Frank Stapleton?

Even Frank, the only automatic choice in the Eire attack in recent years, has not been able to repeat his club form at international level.

The Arsenal player scored on his debut against Turkey four years back, but since then has only scored twice in 17 games.

Paul McGee, Mickey Walsh, Brendan O'Callaghan, Gerry Ryan and Terry Donovan have all been tried without much success.

Declare

So the Irish crowd will be hoping that Mick Robinson will be on target in what will be his home debut. The Brighton player is the latest to declare for Eire.

Eire have benefited most from the rule which allows players to turn out for the home nation of their parents. But they really had to search hard to find Robinson's roots.

His great grandmother was born in Cork in the last century, and it took a Sunday newspaper to bring the fact to the attention of the FAI.

However, the Anglos are very welcome in Ireland and Gerry Peyton, Chris Hughton, Mark Lawrenson and Tony Grealish have all played important roles in Eire's recent successes.

Against Holland in September, Eion Hand pushed Gerry Daly and Liam Brady forward in a 4-2-4 formation. Unless a goalscorer is discovered it looks like Eire will again have to depend on their midfielders to score the goals.

A good win over Cyprus is essential for Eire's goal difference because when all the games are played, one of the qualifying places could rest between the countries that scored most against Cyprus.

their first visit to Dublin, where they will be expected to put the shutters up against an Eire side that has twice shown their fighting spirit at home this season.

Eion Hand's have come from behind to beat Holland and draw with Belgium at Lansdowne Road. Now the Irish fans will be hoping for a feast of goals.

The only previous meeting between the countries was in Nicosia last March when the Irish led 3-1 at half-time, but in the end were lucky to hold out for a 3-2 win. Paul McGee (2) and Mark Lawrenson were the Irish scorers, with Pantziaras and Kaiafas making the visitors sweat.

However, Eire have had good home wins in the past, beating

Played 23 lost 23!

SINCE gaining independence, Cyprus have played 23 away games in the European Championship and World Cup qualifiers. They haven't won any. They haven't drawn any. They've lost the lot and scored only two goals. They have conceded 115 goals, at an average of exactly five per game.

Their solitary World Cup victory was a 1-0 home win over Northern Ireland in the 1974 qualifiers.

Realistically, the outcome at Lansdowne Road isn't in any doubt, but the Irish will be looking for a hatful of goals to give themselves 'insurance' in a group where goal-difference may be of crucial importance in the final reckoning.

The Cypriot's manager, Costa Talianos, is under no illusions about his side's possibilities.

"Let's be honest. We haven't got any hope of doing anything in this group. You don't need me to explain why — just look at our record!"

"But it's interesting, and we hope to have some influence on the final outcome. Apart from our 0-7 home defeat by France last month, we haven't been doing badly in recent years.

"Spain were lucky to beat us last year. And the Irish themselves will tell you we weren't far from getting a draw against them in March, even though we finally lost 2-3.

"Our main problem against the French was that our League season hadn't even started, whereas they had been playing since July. Physically they just

outrun us. I don't think the Irish will find it so easy . . .

"Still, being realistic, I wouldn't say that our football is short of talent. Our problem is simply that we are a nation of amateurs, and our F.A. simply hasn't the cash to bring good teams over for friendly matches.

"We only play World Cup and European Championship games, and we have no preparation matches at all.

"Our other major problem is securing the release of our top players, who are with League clubs in Greece. In theory their clubs are obliged to release them, but in practice . . .

"This affects the goalkeeper Stylianou, our stopper Papadopoulos. Then there's Pantziaras and Kizas. And of course our top scorer Sotiris Kaiafas, the man who won the Golden Boot award as Europe's top scorer four years ago.

"In any case, you can be sure we'll be doing our best in Dublin. Our aim is a humble one — simply to represent our country to the best of our ability. Nobody expects us to win, but we can make things difficult for the Irish."

The Republic simply can't afford to make any mistakes. Their defeat in France, although perhaps unlucky, means they have to make up ground and the French are already sitting on a 7-0 win over the Cypriots.

Mick Robinson 'scored' on his debut in Paris, but the goal was disallowed. Dublin next week would be an ideal time to open his account.

PORTUGAL v NORTHERN IRELAND Lisbon

CAUTIOUS optimism abounds in the Northern Ireland camp for next Wednesday's vitally important World Cup qualifier against Portugal in Lisbon.

A record nine-match unbeaten run, including their historic 1980 British Championship triumph, a highly successful close-season tour of Australia and last month's emphatic 3-0 Windsor Park demolition of Group Six rivals Sweden has sent the in-form, on-song Ulstermen's confidence and morale soaring sky-high for the Portuguese encounter.

Indeed, for the first time in many years, Northern Ireland fans, for so long starved of World Cup success, are now firmly convinced that their green-shirted heroes really can make it all the way to the final stages of the world's number one soccer tournament, in Spain '82.

This refreshing new-found hope and optimism, shared by players, officials and supporters alike, is based on the reality that, at long last, Northern Ireland can once



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again field a team with sufficient talent, class and consistency to compete at the highest level of international football.

Yet, for all that, team-chief Billy Bingham, managerial mastermind in the incredible transformation of the one-time no-hope Irish into a force to be reckoned with in their Centenary Year, is both experienced and realistic enough to know there is still a long way to go before a cherished place in the

and influential part mentor Bingham has played in restoring Northern Ireland's pride and prestige at international level.

"Billy Bingham is a great motivator and inspiration. He has got the side organised and makes us believe in ourselves.

"All the lads appreciate the boss' thoroughly professional approach and preparation for all our games. We all want to play, and win, for him — and Ireland!"

That, as much as any other reason, is perhaps why players like Tottenham's Gerry Armstrong and Middlesbrough's Terry Cochrane, who are currently unable to command regular first team berths with their clubs, and others, such as Billy Hamilton (Burnley) and John McClelland (Mansfield), from the lower Divisions of the Football League, amazingly lift their game and perform so capably when donning a green jersey.

The skilful, scheming O'Neill forms a fluent and potentially world-class midfield link-up with perpetual-motion Manchester United ace Sammy McIlroy, and it's around this talented twosome that supremo Bingham is formulating his big-time plans.

Memories

Both Bingham and skipper O'Neill have happy memories of previous Irish outings against Portugal.

In fact, both scored in World Cup debuts against Wednesday's opponents, Bingham hitting Northern Ireland's first-ever World Cup goal against foreign opposition in a 1-1 January, 1957 Lisbon draw, and O'Neill also finding the target in a similar outcome, at Coventry, in March, 1973, a tie switched from Belfast because of Ulster's civil unrest.

The Ulsterman will be aiming for at least a share of the spoils again, this time. And Bingham's team are certainly capable of such a result.



BILLY'S BOYS ARE BUBBLING!

PAST RESULTS

DATE	VENUE	NI	P
Jan 16 1957 WC Lisbon		1	1
May 1 1957 WC Belfast		3	0
Mar 28 1973 WC Coventry		1	1
Nov 14 1973 WC Lisbon		1	1

Spanish Finals can be achieved.

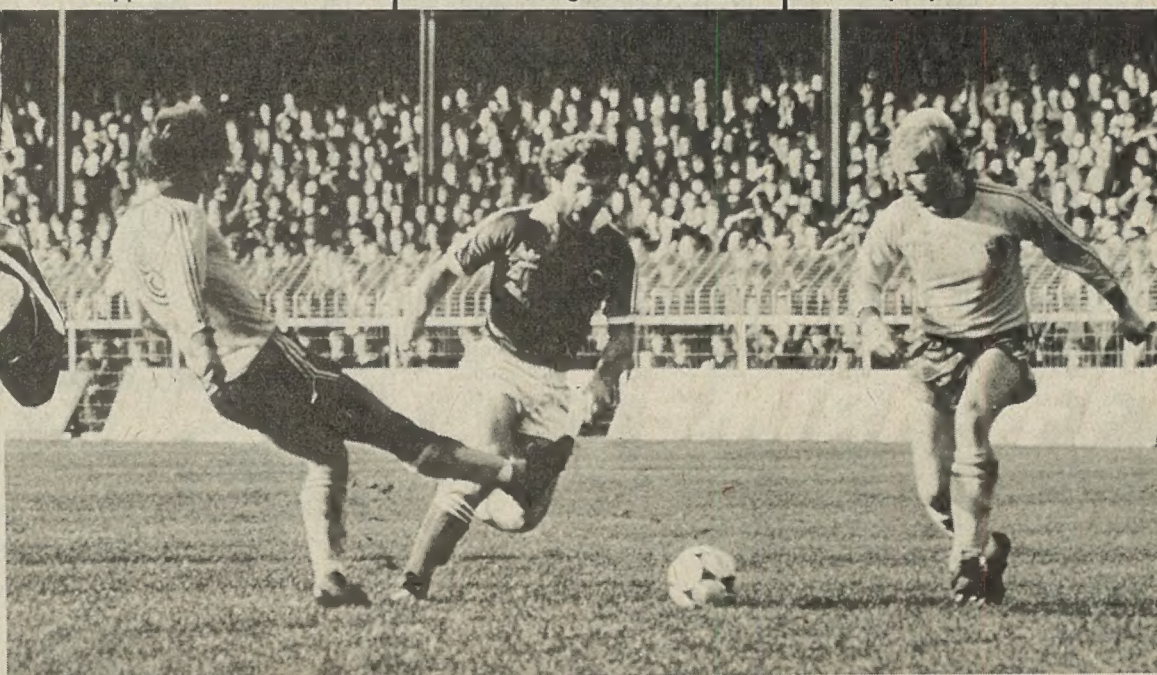
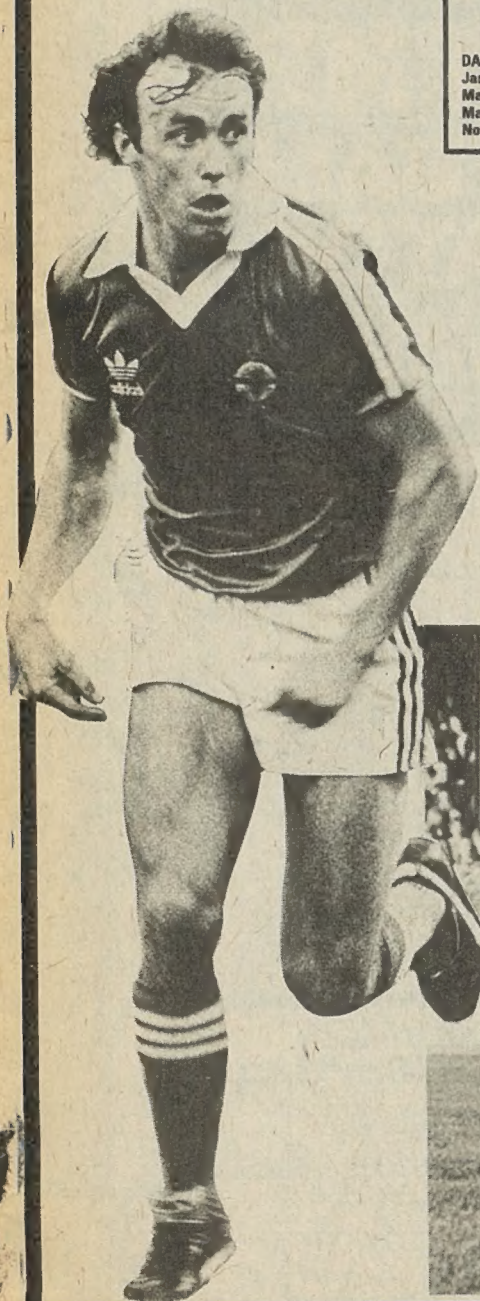
"It's been a great year for us and we hope to keep the momentum going," enthuses Billy. "But any team is only as good as its last performance, and, while we really came good against Sweden and feel confident of maintaining our form and consistency against Portugal, the Lisbon tie will be difficult and possibly our toughest test in the entire group."

Team captain Martin O'Neill, who has his heart set on becoming the first Northern Ireland skipper since Danny Blanchflower in 1958 to lead his countrymen to the closing stages of the series, underlines manager Bingham's viewpoint: "Portugal's scoreless draw with Scotland in Glasgow was a big boost for them.

"They will obviously be a hard nut to crack on their own soil, but we have a settled squad and if we play as well as we can, I see no reason why we shouldn't get the right result."

The effervescent Nottingham Forest ace recognises the decisive

Sammy McIlroy (left) and Gerry Armstrong (below, centre) both figure prominently in Billy Bingham's World Cup plans.



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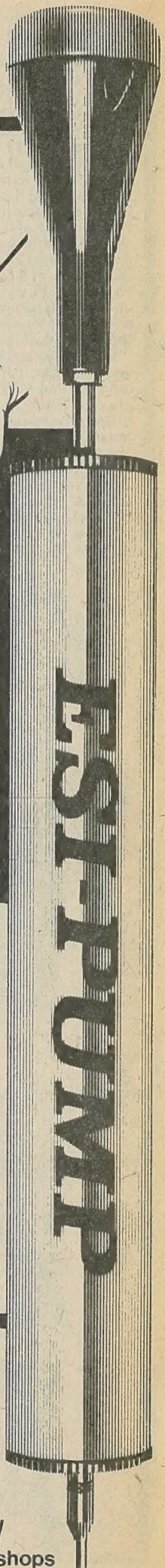


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WALES v CZECHOSLOVAKIA Cardiff

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WALES hope a psychological trick from the soccer history books can help them overcome the tough Czechs at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

The Czechs, one of the favourites to qualify from Group Three, come to Wales for the first time since their 1977 visit, a match which they lost 3-0.

And Welsh winger Leighton James, who scored two of his country's goals that night, believes the memory of that defeat may count against the Czechs in this vital World Cup qualifying tie.

James, who bagged another couple of goals in the 4-0 win against Turkey at Ninian Park last month, believes the Czechs can be beaten.

He says: "They are known as poor travellers, and although that won't mean we will have an easy ride, the memory of their last visit to Wales and that comprehensive defeat may be on their minds. Certainly those players who were involved will be wary of us this time."

"But the fact is, we will have to play much better than we did against Turkey if we are to beat Czechoslovakia. They will be much tougher opposition and we'll need



'WE MUST IMPROVE ON TURKEY PERFORMANCE' LEIGHTON JAMES

to be at our very best to win this one."

James believes the Welsh must improve one particular aspect of their game from the display against the Turks.

"It might sound absurd to criticise after a 4-0 win, but I think

we lacked concentration at times in that match," he says.

"We didn't dominate the Turks as a collective unit, which we should have done. We lost concentration for about ten or 15 minutes in the second-half, and went off the boil."

"Also, we made some errors at the back which would have been punished by a better side than Turkey. The Czechs would certainly have scored against us."

"The incentive is certainly there for us. After scoring eight goals in our first two games, we're in the driving seat. But we have to win all our home games and that means beating the Czechs and Russians in Wales."

"If we do that, and score a lot against Iceland when they come over here, we will have a minimum of ten points."

'Belief'

"That would leave us requiring two more points from three away games, and if we got those extra points, that might be enough to qualify. But beating the Czechs is the key to it all; if we can do that, I think the belief will flow through the side that we can go all the way to the Finals."

"We're hoping the bitter rivalry between the Russians and Czechs might work to our advantage."

"The fact that both the Czechs and Russians plus ourselves still have to go to Turkey where anything is possible, also means endless possibilities."

"The Czechs will be tough, they always are. Of course, we could still qualify even if we only drew with them. But we must aim to beat them."

"We have the confidence throughout the side, and with the backing of our own supporters I am sure we can get both points."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA are notoriously bad travellers. Over recent years, their national team has appeared more like two teams. They are always better at home than they are away, yet in 1976 they travelled to Yugoslavia and won the European Championship, and last summer they took third place in Italy.

Vaclav Jezek, now Feyenoord boss who was in charge in 1976, attributes their success, in part, to the fact the fans in Socialist Yugoslavia were sympathetic.

If he is right, then British fans do not seem to like the Czechs, who have seldom done well in Britain. On their last visit, away to Wales at Wrexham in a 1978 World Cup qualifying game, they were crushed 3-0.

At home, the Czech F

Czechs don't like British style

Division is played at a leisurely pace with the emphasis on short passing interspersed with dribbling. And if players raise their boots to knee height while tackling the referees give free-kicks.

Goalkeepers too are specially protected by referees, and as former Dukla and Czechoslovakia left-back, Ladislav Novak, now manager of his old club, said

recently: "Czech footballers do not train as hard as the players in Western Europe and are lacking in both speed and stamina."

These factors could account for the Czechs' poor showing in Britain. The pace of the game, and the will to win are features of the game that the Czechs cannot match and do not like.

Dr. Jozef Venglos, Jezek's assistant in 1976 and in charge in Italy last summer, is aware of the problem. He assesses his players solely on what he sees from them as individuals in performances away from home.

Dr. Venglos is clearly trying to bring in younger players from the team that won the Olympic Gold medal in Moscow.

Ladislav Vizek, the young Dukla winger, was drafted into the team for the Championship and showed up well in Italy. In the recent

Poland, four players who missed the trip to Italy were drafted in: centre-back Libor Radimec, midfielder Zdenek Sreiner, left-back Jan Fiala and new goalkeeper Karel Stromsik.

Jozef Barmos, Rostislav Vojacek, Jan Kozak and Frantisek Stambacher all survived from the European Championship to play in Chorzow. And the three-man attack were all Italy veterans: wingers Marian Masny and Ladislav Vizek, and centre-forward Zdenek Nehoda.

Of the team that were crushed 3-0 by Wales in March, 1977, only Nehoda and Masny are still playing, and Dr. Venglos knows that playing in Britain is the supreme test for his players.

Nick Deacy scores for Wales in the 1977 meeting at Wrexham.



PAST RESULTS

Date	Venue	W	C	Date	Venue	W	C
May 1 1957 WC	Cardiff	1	0	Oct 27 1971 EC	Prague	0	1
May 26 1967 WC	Prague	0	2	Mar 30 1977 WC	Wrexham	3	0
Apr 21 1971 EC	Swansea	1	3	Nov 16 1977 WC	Prague	0	1

LES BRADD, nearly 15 years a professional, is still banging in the goals. Now on the wrong side of 30, the Buxton-born Bradd served Rotherham for a year and then had ten seasons at Notts County before moving to Stockport for a club record fee of £15,000 in July, 1978. His general play has helped keep Stockport out of the Fourth Division re-election zone in the last two seasons.

Bradford's junior captain

If you are good enough age is immaterial. That was the motivating thought in the mind of Bradford City manager George Mulhall when he appointed 19-year-old centre-half Peter Jackson as captain.

Jackson, the youngest member of the Fourth Division team, has also signed a new three-year contract, a good move by City at a time when several big clubs have been taking more than a passing interest in his form.

Mulhall says: "I feel I have made a wise decision. Peter is a natural captain and I always prefer my captain playing at the back. I have every faith in him."

"I shall be surprised if he is still playing here in two years' time because he is such a good player and is in excellent form at the moment."

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An England amateur international, Bobby played professional football for Fulham, Barnet, Watford, Northampton and Cardiff City before a knee injury ended his career.

He is at present coach at Hull City.

Big clubs spy on Chesterfield



A LOT of good players are discovered at Third and Fourth Division level, but it's not often a club gets a crop of talent all at once.

That's exactly what has happened at Chesterfield, however, and it's no exaggeration to say that there are half-a-dozen First Division clubs who would love to cream off at least three of the Derbyshire club's promotion bidding side.

Top attraction for the scouts is curly-haired Alan Birch (left), who has been a revelation since Arthur Cox bought him from Walsall before the start of last season.

Birch had a suspect temperament to say the least, but he had a marvellous first season at Saltergate, scoring 13 League goals and four more in the League Cup, as Chesterfield only just failed to go up to the Second Division.

That was a fair return for a man who cost a mere £40,000. This season Birch has carried on where he left off last time, and apart from

one flash of the old failing which led to his being sent-off at Burnley, he has been a model of virtue and consistency.

Leeds United manager Allan Clarke is known to be an admirer of Birch's, so is Don Howe, of Arsenal. It will be a difficult decision for Chesterfield if they are offered £300,000 for Birch.

Cox's last signing was £100,000 midfielder Danny Wilson from Bury, yet Wilson is rated as worth twice as much as that. He had the chance to join First Division Manchester City last season, but that deal misfired.

Wilson is a busy, intuitive player who has settled well into the Chesterfield set-up, just as Phil Bonnyman did towards the end of last season following his move just before the deadline from Carlisle United.

Bonnyman has let no one down, and along with Phil Walker, who continues to score important goals, is another who could again command a big fee.

BEST UNCAPPED 'KEEPER

PAUL SANSOME, and 18-year-old goalkeeper with Millwall, will always be grateful for the help he has received from first team 'keeper John Jackson.

And Paul couldn't have a better player to help him. Jackson, who first turned professional with Crystal Palace way back in March, 1962, was for many years rated as the best uncapped 'keeper in the country.

Now 38, Jackson had 11½ years at Palace, followed that with nearly six years at Orient and has been with Millwall since August last year. And he played in all 46 League games last season.

Kindon's uglier

STEVE KINDON has always presented a fearsome sight to opponents during his days with Burnley and Wolves, but now that he's moved on to Huddersfield Town, the "Human Tank" as he's known, has taken on an even more awesome look.

The reason is a fractured skull which Steve suffered at the start of the season. Since returning to the team Kindon has worn a skull cap, which is strapped beneath his chin and looks quite weird. It doesn't seem to be hampering his form, though. He actually headed a couple of goals, with cap 'n all, during the 4-1 win at Exeter where he bagged a hat-trick.

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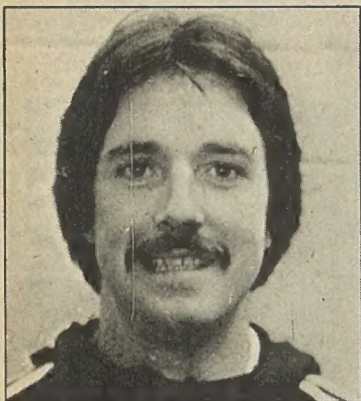
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He buys himself

CATHAL MUCKIAN (above) found that Dundalk's asking price of £2,000 was putting off prospective buyers. So the big striker bought out his own contract and signed for Shamrock Rovers. He recouped some of the money by receiving a signing on fee.

29-year-old Cathal, a former Eire international, is a bank manager, which explains his unusual move!

● West Brom's Tony Godden made his 182nd consecutive appearance against Villa to equal Jim Dugdale's record.

Walsh goals pep Wales

IAN Walsh has left them all behind — John Toshack, Trevor Ford, John Charles, Ivor Allchurch and all the great attacking players in 105 years of Welsh international football. Five goals in his first six internationals is the record start to his Wales career.

The striker who can't command a regular place in the struggling Crystal Palace side has hit the target against Eire, England, Iceland and Turkey, and only the Scots have escaped his marksmanship.

The most vital of all his games in the red shirt so far comes when Wales face Czechoslovakia in the World Cup at Cardiff's Ninian Park on Wednesday. "They are the first foreign front rank nation we have faced and I'd love to score against them," he says.

The Czechs collected every item of information they could dig out of the 4-0 Wales win over Turkey last month. Manager Mike England admits: "I've never seen anything like it. They had movie cameras and video equipment all around me in the directors box."

"Just to make doubly sure, they also had a man recording a running commentary of the match. They certainly don't do anything by halves." Ian's goal against Turkey came from a header which he describes as: "Something rather special." It stem-



med from a move which manager England and assistant Doug Livermore had worked on for three days.

Wales have done everything right so far. They have scored four goals each time against Iceland and Turkey and conceded none. England and Livermore — the former Liverpool and Norwich player who is now a Cardiff City coach — have produced the right blend for both matches.

The Czechs won't want to remember their last visit to Wales. It was in the 1978 World Cup qualifying competition and they were steamrollered 3-0 in Wrexham. Leighton James scored twice that night and now he has brilliant discoveries Walsh and David Giles alongside him.

Blackley going home?

JOHN BLACKLEY, the ex-Hibs and Newcastle United midfielder man, hasn't been commanding his position in the Preston North End first team squad, and this fact hasn't gone unnoticed by Falkirk boss, John Hagart.

He recently watched John play in a reserve match against West Bromwich Albion and liked what he saw. If Blackley, a former Scottish international, is keen to end his playing days back North of the border, it could be that Falkirk would suit him, as he still has a house in the area.

ROY McDONOUGH, Walsall's young striker, is not happy with recent events at Fellows Park. He has been in dispute since the close season over terms and was listed by player-manager Alan Buckley.

Bournemouth and Chelsea were both interested in the former Birmingham City player. They wanted McDonough on trial but Walsall are only interested in a straight transfer deal.

Police rescue Beeb

STRATHCLYDE police had to come to the rescue of BBC TV football commentator Archie MacPherson during the Morton v Rangers Premier Division game at Cappielow, Greenock, when a spectator seated behind Archie insisted on keeping up a constant barrage of interruptions during the commentary. He was ejected.

Briefly...

● **NICE** gesture from Lawrie McMenemy. The Southampton manager has sent Bishop Auckland a set of Saints' two-blue away strip. McMenemy was in charge of Bishops in the 1950's and designed the strip in the traditional colours of the famous amateur club.

● **FORMER** Hibs manager and Scottish international Eddie Turnbull is preparing to start a new career in the licensing trade. He has been learning how to become a "mine host" at the Football and Cricketers public house at Linlithgow, near Edinburgh.

● **THE** manager and captain of Leeds United recently took delivery of Ford Granada cars. Allan Clarke was handed the keys of a 2.8 Granada. Trevor Cherry, former

team-mate of Clarke's and now captain of Leeds, took delivery of a Granada 2.3.

● **FULL-back** Alan Kamara must have wondered if he would make the grade after lean spells with Barnsley and York. But now he is giving some fine performances for Darlington.

● **FRENCH** side St Etienne are always popular opponents in European ties... they present their visitors with an expensive racing bike as a memento of the game.

● **THE** decision to play Willie McVie, their new centre-half, before his clearance papers came through from Toronto Blizzards has cost Hearts a £75 fine from the SFA.

● **RON** Goodlass is hoping his second spell in English soccer will prove more successful than the first. Goodlass, former Everton winger, recently joined Fulham after a three-year

spell with Dutch sides NAC Breda and Den Haag.

The former Liverpool, Lancashire and England schoolboy player had six years as a professional at Goodison Park before moving to NAC Breda in October, 1977.

● **STEVE** Mackenzie, having such a fine season amid the general depression of Maine Road, is not short on confidence. He's had a bet with his Manchester City colleague Dennis Tueart that he'll score 15 goals this season. The stake is a modest fiver, but it's nice to hear Mackenzie fancies his chances. City certainly could do with those goals and a few more.

● **FORMER** Newport, Norwich and Newcastle midfielder Ollie Burton, now a sales representative for the famous Norwich Brewery, keeps in touch with the top-flight game with regular visits to see one of his old teams in action at Carrow Road.

BARNEEE!



TELEVISION viewers may be mystified by the new chant being offered by The Kop at Anfield.

They're calling Alan Kennedy "Barney". The Kop have re-named Kennedy after that famous cartoon character Barney Rubble of the Flintstones!

It's caught on too. Even Kennedy's team-mates call him Barney, and he seems to like it.

FOLD-UP POSTS

FORFAR Athletic director Gordon Enston has invented collapsible goalposts which can be dismantled and stored away after matches. Forfar are already using them and now Aberdeen, Dundee United, Arbroath, St Johnstone and Raith Rovers have bought sets costing £270 each.

Pool's all-rounder

HARTLEPOOL youngster Neil Black is a player of many parts. The 20-year-old from Ryton, Tyne and Wear, is equally at home on the soccer pitch as a sweeper, full-back or midfielder. As a schoolboy he won representative honours at tennis, rugby, cricket, athletics, cross country, badminton and basketball. He has represented local clubs at soccer, cricket and swimming.

In 1978 he was due for trials with top Dutch side Feyenoord but it all fell through at the last minute.

Hereford's record-breaker

DANNY BARTLEY, the 32-year-old Hereford defender, is hoping to create a record for himself before he hangs up his boots — to play on all 92 League grounds.

The old stager from Somerset joined Hereford in March after nine years with Bristol City and seven with Swansea and he only has a handful of grounds left to play on. Danny played for the England Youth team back in 1966.



Eastoe loves Everton now

EVERTON'S re-emergence is one of the most pleasing success stories of the season, and no-one is enjoying life more than striker Peter Eastoe (left).

A bit of a roamer, having sampled life in the West Country with Swindon, in the Midlands with Wolves, in the capital with Queens Park Rangers, and now the North-West with Everton, Peter has often been regarded as a bit of a lightweight.

He won the reputation of a man who could score goals, but not with the sort of regularity demanded of a top-class performer.

Now alongside that more potent powerhouse Bob Latchford, the resurgent Eastoe is snatching his share of goals and making others.

He admits: "There was a stage last season when I couldn't bear to go into Goodison Park. The very stadium frightened me and there were days when I was playing when I never looked up into the stands. Now the only time we see the place is every other Saturday, because we train away from the ground, and that's good."

"The strange thing is that because we only go there on match days I love the place now, and can't wait for home matches. I am full of confidence and enjoy the atmosphere."

PETER Shilton will be handed the England shirt by our manager for the game against Switzerland next Wednesday — but not because I had two goals put past me in the previous World Cup qualifier, when we lost 2-1 to Rumania in Bucharest.

Ron Greenwood will be continuing his policy of alternating Peter and I — a policy that has drawn criticism from some quarters who have misinterpreted it as a sign of indecision.

The truth is that Ron, having evaluated our respective strengths and faults, at present holds the conviction that there's nothing to choose between us. He feels it's only fair that we take it in turns to guard the England goal.

Peter and I, long-time friends and room mates on England trips, accept the situation with no hard feelings. But Ron Greenwood has told us that when England do reach the Finals in Spain in 1982 the jersey-swapping will stop and it will become the property of the man who has performed best overall.

We're in favour of this. We've agreed we'd hate England to reach the World Cup Final and for one of us to be picked to play merely because it was his turn!

I can still recall my disappointment at missing the game against Italy in the European Championship last

close season in Turin.

It's a good thing to have players in competition for places, as it prevents complacency creeping in.

But it's important Peter and I continually remind ourselves that it's not just a straight fight between the two of us to win a regular place in the England side. There's a very able contender in the tall, muscular shape of Manchester City's Joe Corrigan just itching to step in should we both lose form!

Disappointing

The game against Switzerland takes on added importance in the light of England's disappointing defeat in Rumania. We'd hoped to add another two points to those gained from our opening game in the tournament, when we beat Norway 4-0 at Wembley, but poor team work let us down.

After deservedly being one goal down at half-time, we equalised only for a disputed penalty to give the Rumanians a second goal to put the game out of our reach. Until that moment we felt capable of getting the draw we felt we just about deserved.

The Swiss, although hardly world class, are certainly not to be underrated, as I know from having played in two friendlies against them. The



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Tony Woodcock turns to score England's second goal in the 4-0 defeat of Norway at Wembley in September.

national, with Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking and Paul Mariner recovered from injury.

And we'd also like to see the return of the large crowds that cheered us on to qualify for the European Championship. Our poor showing in Italy undoubtedly was one of the reasons for a disappointing half-full Wembley for the Norway game, but our four goals that night should lure a bigger crowd in expectation of a repeat performance.

I can't impress upon readers enough the importance large, committed support is to a team. Liverpool could never have climbed to the heights, establishing itself as the most successful club in England, without being lifted by thousands of dedicated, enthusiastic fans.

Thanks to the influence of Ron Greenwood, there's been a dramatic difference in playing in front of a Wembley crowd from the days of Don Revie. Then our players dreaded appearing at home, knowing that if they failed to do well within the first 20 minutes they were in for a torrent of abuse.

A swirling sea of red, white and blue to greet us as we stride out from the tunnel will be a sight to inspire every one of us.

There's sure to be a big turnout on Saturday at Selhurst Park for Liverpool's first visit this season to London.

We played Crystal Palace on the opening day of the season, beating them 3-0, and a team everyone expected to do well has wallowed around the foot of the table ever since.

I remember talking after the match to their new keeper Paul Barron, for years understudy to Pat Jennings at Arsenal, and he told me how different it was for him playing behind a defence which left far more gaps than The Gunners.

Considering he'd only been signed 36 hours before, Paul did

exceptionally well to keep our score down to three!

Crystal Palace are certainly not the worst side to have to come to Anfield this term. But from what I've seen of them on TV, and noted through studying those Palace players in the Under-21 team which crashed 4-0 in Rumania, they appear to have lost confidence.

Instead of playing instinctively, they are thinking too much about their game, and losing those split-seconds so vital at the highest level.

Terry Venables' departure from the manager's job at Selhurst Park was a big shock.

I can only assume he wanted money from his directors to strengthen the side, and was refused.

He's exceptional amongst those on the managerial not-so-merry-go-round inasmuch as he left of his own free will for another post, at Q.P.R.

Unknown

Whereas Terry is an exuberant, larger-than-life character, the man who has moved into his seat, Ernie Walley, is someone from the back-room virtually unknown outside the club.

He could well be in the same mould as our Bob Paisley: a sound man with strong convictions who lets his actions do the talking.

I admired Mr Walley for having the courage to drop two Palace stars — Vince Hilaire and Clive Allen — because he felt his club's dire straits called for battlers rather than ball artists.

Only time will tell whether Mr. Walley can steer Palace up to a safe, mid-table position, which is all they can hope for.

Last season we came away content with a point from a 0-0 draw after a hard energy-sapping battle.

This time nothing short of a win will suffice if we're to achieve our ambition of a hat-trick of Championships!

Ray Clemence

IS VITAL...

first, in Basle in September, 1975, ended with a 2-1 win.

Our two goals come in the first quarter-of-an-hour. Then they scored from a corner, and for the rest of the game we were forced into a rearguard action as the Swiss mounted attack after attack.

In the second game, two years later, they again demonstrated their fighting spirit by holding us to a goalless draw at Wembley. That was Ron Greenwood's first game in charge.

They have at least two outstanding players in their well-organised line-up: Rene Botteron, a Kevin Keegan all-action type, who I saw on TV score a magnificent goal against West Germany in a friendly; and Raimondo Ponte, the lad Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough signed from Grasshoppers following his impressive displays against Forest in a European Cup game.

'Joe Corrigan could step in if Peter and I lose form.'

Forest players I've spoken to about him while on England duty have praised his attacking qualities, particularly the danger he presents in front of goal, but say he has yet to learn how to play his part in defence.

Even so, Raimondo is a man to watch, particularly as he'll be determined to shine on the most famous ground of the country in whose League he now plays.

This is Switzerland's second game in the competition, and they'll be

fired with enthusiasm to refute the suggestion they are also-rans with no chance of capturing one of the two qualifying spots when the group games are completed.

I know from experience how difficult it can be to play against opponents you're expected to beat. At Liverpool we invariably prefer to be drawn against a First Division side in a Cup competition than one from a lower level.

Hopefully we'll be back to a full-strength squad for this inter-



I HOPE fans of Wolverhampton Wanderers will forgive me if I act selfishly and look on the good, rather than the bad, side about Andy Gray's latest injury.

What a blow for the guy to be struck by that injury jinx again, and Wolves have my sympathies. But I am relieved that he will be fit again for Scotland's World Cup match against Israel in the New Year.

We need all the potential goal-scorers we can get, especially after failing to notch one against the Portuguese at Hampden.

I still feel though that we took unfair criticism for that 0-0 draw, because it is not easy to play against such a packed defence and a goalkeeper who decides to have the match of a lifetime.

It was upsetting that we missed four good chances ... but remember that we still managed to make those chances in a goalmouth that was as busy as Sauchiehall Street on a Saturday afternoon.

And, of course, the Scots temperament being what it is we immediately plummeted to the depths of pessimism about our chances of qualifying for Spain.

Reversed

Well, to those who feel that way, I say consider these facts.

But for one goal you would have been deliriously happy, and if the results in Sweden (Scotland won 1-0) and at Hampden against Portugal had been reversed no one would be moaning.

We will be in Spain ... and Andy Gray will be with us. But if his luck gets much worse he should stick a whole rabbit — never mind its foot — in his pocket!

On the theme of bad luck, Bobby

'Celtic's Cheerful Charlie'



Lennox isn't in short supply either.

The Lemon was well on the way to a comeback — as I told you in my last Tartan Talk — after his bad close season injury, and was training as only he can do.

But I think he pushed it too hard and now has had to ease off.

However, one young man who isn't easing off at all is Charlie Nicholas, who just keeps on scoring goals.

He deserved to win the Mac-Kinlays' personality of the month award and if he keeps on going like this he could be in line for some

Charlie Nicholas, the goalscoring sensation who has set Parkhead alight this season.



major Player of the Year titles.

His reputation is wide now and of course, as was inevitable, he has become the target for abuse from some brutal defenders.

But Charlie doesn't retaliate. He just picks himself up, dusts himself down, smiles ... and pops in another goal.

That is only one happy event ... let me tell you about three others.

Parkhead has always been famous for its youth policy, but even Celtic will surpass themselves over the next few months.

THREE of our players are about to become dads.

Roy Aitken's wife Jane is expecting in December, Frank McGarvey's wife Pauline in February and Tom McAdam's wife Ellen in April. Looks like the next sponsorship deal will have to be with Farley's Rusks!

Promising

Not such good news was our 3-0 defeat against 'Old Firm' rivals Rangers at Ibrox recently. After our promising start to the season that result came as a bit of a blow to us all at Celtic. Now we have to put that upset right behind us and concentrate on getting back to our winning ways.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Terry McDermott on scoring one of the best goals I have ever seen — his effort in the first leg of the European Cup tie against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

It was textbook stuff the way Liverpool moved the ball from Dalglish to Johnson to McDermott, and the finish was different class. Some people blamed goalkeeper Jim Leighton for being badly positioned, but that is nonsense.

Every goal can be traced back to somebody's mistake somewhere I suppose, but you can't account for brilliance like that.

Even our young Mr Nicholas could learn a thing or two from that goal!

See you in two weeks.

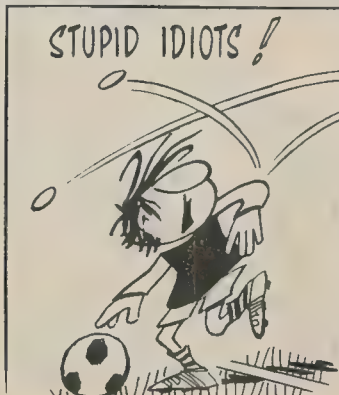
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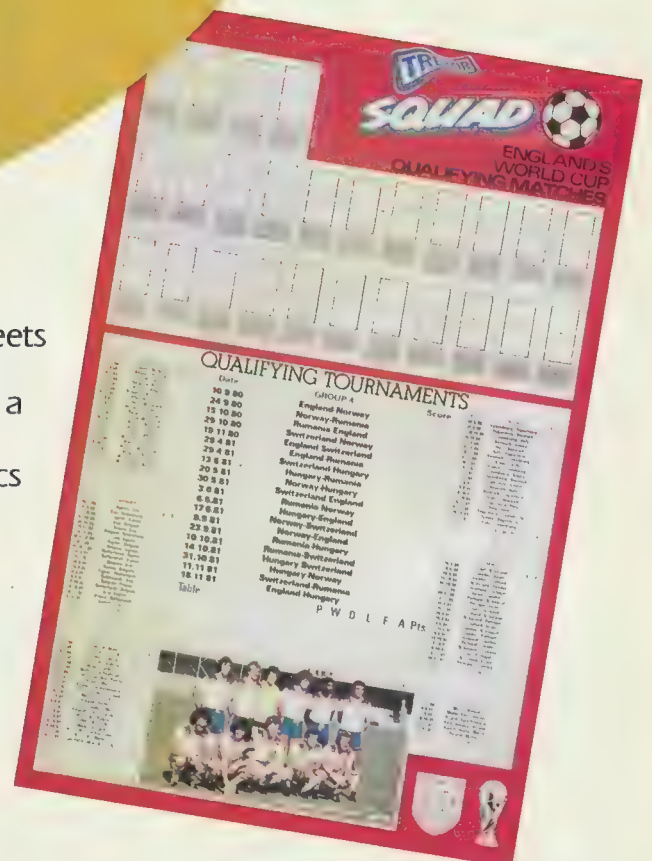
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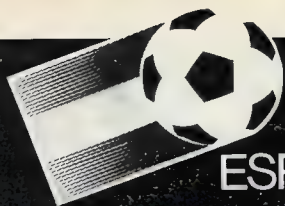
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MIXED FORTUNES FOR BRITAIN

We shan't know the significance of England's 2-1 defeat in Rumania until later in the tournament. Perhaps the Rumanians deserved to win; it's just a pity their decisive goal was the result of a dreadful refereeing decision. Left, we see captain Phil Thompson in command, while below Iordanescu turns in delight after his penalty had given Ray Clemence no chance.





After winning in Sweden, Scotland's World Cup hopes were jolted by Portugal's polished defensive display at Hampden Park. The Scots had their chances, though, like this moment (above) when Graeme Souness burst through the Portuguese defence. Kenny Dalglish (below) went close on a number of occasions but found Bento in the Portugal goal in inspired form.



No doubt about the best result of that busy World Cup day: Wales' 4-0 thrashing of Turkey. Wales now have four points and eight goals from two games and with Leighton James in such fine form (on the right we see him scoring his second goal of the night against Turkey) Czechoslovakia will need to keep a close watch on him. On the left, Ian Walsh outjumps a Turkish defender as Wales romp home.



Champions power on

It's been a great Centenary for Northern Ireland. They won the British Championship and their 3-0 win over Sweden put them at the top of Group Six. The Irish have five points from three World Cup-ties and Sammy McIlroy's delight after scoring against the Swedes sums up the current mood of optimism in the Irish camp.



Nottingham Forest's Martin O'Neill led Northern Ireland with great skill against Sweden.

Honours even



While the Republic of Ireland's 1-1 draw with Belgium wasn't a great result, it was far from being bad as the Belgians are arguably the most difficult side in Europe to overcome. Above we see Eire's goalscorer Tony Grealish with Pfaff, while below Frank Stapleton finds Belgium's defence as packed as it was during the European Championship. At the foot of the page Gerry Daly goes past a Belgium defender.



This week's Star Letter comes from Robert de Vries of Holland, who wins a special SHOOT T-shirt. He writes:

EUROPE NEEDS ENGLISH CLUBS

★ IN one of your recent issues there was a letter by Mark Hepworth of Barnsley, who would like to see English teams banned from Europe in order to improve the game at home.

As you will probably know, in many European countries, like mine, soccer is in a depressed state, with dull football, poor gates, etc. Therefore international football is a welcome change.

English teams have always played an important part in European soccer and the English game is as popular as ever! A copy of SHOOT is hard to get, for they are sold out the same day they come in.

Without English teams, the European game would drop dramatically in level. Not being able to follow the actions of the likes of Ray Clemence, Graham Rix, Kevin Keegan or Trevor Francis might cause more and more indifference to the game.

These kind of players do not only represent their team or English football but the game on the whole.

★ It's strange that people at home tend to look at the worst side of English soccer, which is often appreciated more abroad.

Sunday soccer

I AM writing in reply to Bart McNeill's letter about Sunday football. I think there are good and bad things about this.

For instance, I think that Saturday soccer is one of the traditions of English football, and Sunday football won't be able to generate the same atmosphere.

There is also the good side of Sunday football, because as many people work on Saturdays but not on Sunday they would have the whole day off and they could take the children along.

JEREMY SHAW,
BISHOPS STORTFORD.

★ It'll be interesting to see if the League chairman's recommendation for Sunday soccer goes through. I believe smaller clubs would benefit, as they did a few years ago when, during the three-day week, soccer was played on a Sunday.

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Gray on target

Did Andy Gray score when Villa beat Liverpool 5-1 a few seasons ago, and was Kevin Keegan playing?

M. BOURNE,
BROMSGROVE

● It's "Yes" to both! In that game —

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Graham Rix, one of England's best.

Top-class Eire?

IT appears that English fans will always continue to look down on Irish soccer, even if some day we win the World Cup.

A classic example of this was the letter from J. Stewart Brown of Bramhall. In it he asserts that the Republic of Ireland couldn't be described as 'top-class'.

What, exactly, is his definition of 'top class'? Since when can a team containing Liam Brady, Dave O'Leary, Frank

played on 15th December, 1976 — Gray scored twice. John Deehan, also with a couple, and Brian Little added to Liverpool's embarrassment.

Ray Kennedy got the Reds' consolation goal — after a build-up from Keegan.

All six goals, incidentally, came before the interval.

9-1 defeat for Champions

Is it true a club were once beaten 9-1 at home — and yet still went on to become League Champions that season?

TIM JOHNSON,
NEWMARKET

● Quite true, Tim — and it was Newcastle in the 1908-09 season.

On 5th December, they were well-and-truly "done" 9-1 at home — and in a local derby against fierce rivals Sunderland, at that! — but, at the end of the campaign, finished seven points ahead of runners-up Everton.

Their Sunderland conquerors, incidentally, were two more points behind

Stapleton, Gerry Daly and Mark Lawrenson be described as 'not top class'?

DARA O'KEARNEY,
BELLEFIELD.

★ Presumably Eire need to qualify for a major Finals before they are ranked alongside so-called top-class nations. This team could be the one to do it.

Unfair on Mal

SO Malcolm Allison finally parted company with Manchester City yet again. It seems his job with City had been on the line since the minute he arrived.

Now I don't pretend to be any great fan of Mr Allison, but surely he deserved a little more time to prove himself.

I understand that a club like City cannot afford to be anything other than successful, but it does take time to build a very good side, and almost every club goes through a bad spell at some point.

When the club parted with around £8½ million for new players, then surely the board of directors had faith in the players they were buying?

If not, then there must be an awful lot of money going spare in Manchester. So because these players don't take the world by storm almost at once then it's all the manager's fault and he is the only one to lose his job.

ALAN CAMERON,
PERTH.

★ Allison spent millions of pounds and his team were bottom of the First Division. The 'rules' of soccer are that failure means the sack... although I'm sure Big Mal will be back somewhere soon.

Ban T.V.

IMMEDIATE action should be taken to reverse the drastic decline in football attendances.

The only course left open to the footballing authorities is to impose a complete ban on the televising of matches. Many other ideas have been con-

ceived, e.g. lowering admission charges and closing grounds troubled by hooliganism, but few have been implemented and none proved successful.

A total blackout of armchair viewing would encourage 'part-time' supporters to attend games, as absence is said to make the heart grow fonder.

DOUGLAS DRINNAN,
PRESTWICK.

● I certainly think a reduction in soccer coverage would help, but a complete blackout — no.

Ipswich example

NOTTINGHAM FOREST, both Manchester clubs, Arsenal, Wolves, Villa and Palace have all been involved in paying out massive transfer fees for single players who the managers of those clubs are HOPING are going to be a success. This biting of nails and twiddling of thumbs is totally unnecessary.

Just look at Bobby Robson of Ipswich Town, the longest serving manager for one club in the Football League.

He has never spent more than a quarter of a million pounds on one player and look at the side Ipswich have, with ten internationals in their line up.

The two Dutchmen, Frans Thijssen and Arnold Mühren cost only £350,000 together and they have been one of the major reasons for Ipswich's success recently.

Players such as Butcher, Osman, Gates and Brazil have all been brought up through the youth scheme costing not a penny.

Paul Mariner, as Ipswich's second-most expensive player at £220,000 (a tiny amount in comparison) has easily paid back his fee.

This just goes to show that you don't need to be a rich club to have a good team.

SIMON OVERY,
GORLESTON

★ Credit must go to everyone at the club, not least the board who didn't panic when things weren't going well for Robson and the team.



Terry Butcher, who has come through the junior ranks to find success at Ipswich.

SHORT PASSES

● Trevor Francis made his full international debut in England's 2-0 defeat by Holland at Wembley on 9th February, 1977.
(JAAP OOSTERWEGEL, Holland)

● Aston Villa, with seven successes, have won the F.A. Cup more times than any other club: next come Blackburn and Newcastle with six each.
(JOAN FORD, U.S.A.)

● Hull's record home gate is 55,019 — v. Manchester United; F.A. Cup Sixth Round, 26th February, 1949.
(MARK KIRBY, Cottingham)

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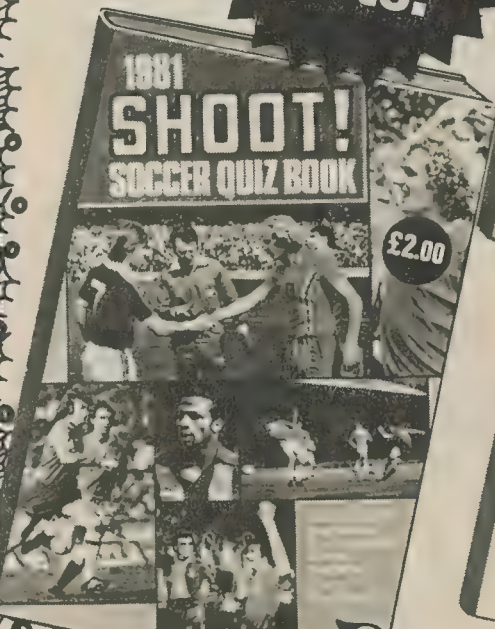
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What's gone wrong with The Dons?

CAMMY FRASER of Dundee latched on to a loose clearance from Doug Rougvie and unleashed a powerful shot past Aberdeen goalkeeper Jim Leighton for one of the most sensational goals of the Scottish season so far.

That was the only goal scored in 180 minutes of Bell's League Cup football between the Scottish Champions and the struggling First Division outfit and it was enough to send Aberdeen tumbling out of the Quarter-Finals.

And now the question being asked is: What has gone wrong with The Dons?

The team that played with so much style and sophistication on their way to breaking the Old Firm's 15-year-dominance of Scottish soccer last season seems to have lost its way, despite their healthy position in the Premier Division.

Alex Ferguson has looked hard at the transfer market in an effort to find a replacement for Steve Archibald — a player the Pittodrie men are undoubtedly missing.

Steve, however, says: "A couple of results won't make Aberdeen a bad team.

"They've far too much talent to struggle for long. Look at Gordon Strachan, for instance. He's a marvellous player who has been playing to exceptionally high standards for the past year.

"Alex McLeish is one of the most exciting youngsters to emerge in Scotland and he is guaranteed a great future in the game.

"Willie Miller, like Gordon and Alex, is a key

man in Jock Stein's World Cup plans, a defender of the highest quality.

"I know what Ian Scanlon can do on the wing. On his day he is one of the best raiders in Scottish football.

"And I'm told Mark McGhee has been playing well this season. I'm glad things are going right for him because he is such a fine player, a really good penalty box player, so fast and sharp."

Alex McLeish and Mark McGhee (below, right) were both unable to prevent Aberdeen's exit from the League Cup recently.

"Anyone who thinks the Aberdeen bubble has burst will have to think again . . ."

The pressure on The Dons this season has been enormous. There can be little doubt that the Liverpool European Cup-tie got through to the players.

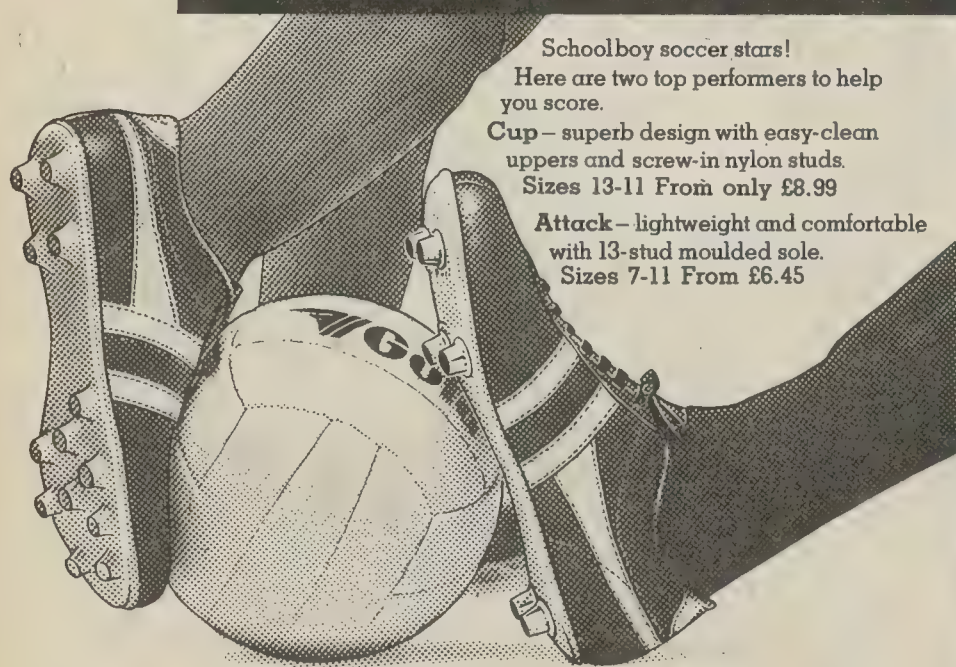
It was on their minds all the time, and it showed out on the park. The players just didn't play to their full potential.

Last season, with the brilliant Archibald leading the front line, they went to Celtic three times — twice in the League and once in the League Cup — and won all three games.

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had to be content with a 2-2 draw, thanks only to an amazing own-goal by Parkhead defender Tom McAdam.

The warning bells must have been sounding in that game for Aberdeen, as they were totally outplayed for an hour by Celtic, who were leading 2-0 at the interval.

The Dons are not producing the goods on the same consistent scale as last season, but manager Ferguson insists: "Their will be no panic moves at Pittodrie.

"I have inquired about some players, but I will pay only what I think is a fair price for them. I'm not going to lash out big money just for the sake of buying. You have always got to look to the long term in this game."

Aberdeen will have a big say in the Championship . . . that much is certain. But the fact is that they are not turning on the style of last season. Success for The Dons is a strong possibility, but Alex Ferguson will want more than that from his team.

A 17-YEAR-OLD Middlesbrough fan, Craig French, was kicked to death after watching his team draw with Nottingham Forest at Ayresome Park on September 6.

That same sordid Saturday, violence erupted at Boundary Park during Oldham's 2-0 Second Division win over Sheffield Wednesday. Thugs hurled bricks and concrete; four policemen and five spectators were hurt, 15 arrested; the riot stopped play for 30 minutes.

In London, marking West Ham's win at Chelsea, visiting fans invaded 'The Shed'. There were 42 arrests. Two policemen were injured.

And one of the biggest and most important questions in the game's history is being asked throughout soccer: What can be done to rid football of the canker and violence which is killing our great national game?

'MAKE PARENTS RESPONSIBLE'

England manager Ron Greenwood says: "I have come to despair of this problem. Parents have a responsibility they won't accept. They should be forced to

re-introduce conscription. These people need discipline." But would the Army, proud of its reputation, welcome or accept these criminal louts into its ranks?

Tony Green, Chelsea Official Supporters' Club Secretary, says: "We thought our image had improved, until the visit to Cambridge. Our members behave very well. We have taken steps to curb the problems, and there are few inside the ground at Stamford Bridge. The recent trouble here was because West Ham fans invaded 'The Shed', simply to get among our supporters.

"We are discussing the problems. We may suggest identity cards with photographs to secure admission. Offenders' cards would be confiscated.

"A ban on away travel is worth considering, but this would deprive decent supporters and would be difficult to enforce, because a determined supporter could travel without wearing club colours on normal transport."

'IDENTITY CARDS'

Mrs. Rita Nettleship, Secretary of Sheffield Wednesday's

3,000-strong Supporters' Club says: "Our main branch and sub-sections have held urgent meetings to review crowd disturbances. We've had identity cards for away travel for four seasons.

"They are confiscated from offenders, and they cannot travel without them.

"The well-behaved majority gets blamed for the few bad ones. There's no instant solution. We allocate special sections at Hillsborough to visiting clubs. We ask supporters to report misbehaviour, and urge non-involvement with trouble-makers."

Millwall are doing everything possible to retrieve their reputation. General secretary Graham Hortop asserts: "It is totally untrue that Millwall have more problems than others. The bad days are in the past and the recent record here is good.

"Millwall Travel Club issues identity cards with photographs for members. We spent £50,000 two years ago on perimeter fences and segregation.

"Travel Club facilities are withdrawn from offenders, but they could still travel independently and by normal transport. The trains and buses

must be properly stewarded.

"Crowd misbehaviour is part of a society problem going beyond the confines of football. Most clubs, receptive to new ideas, are trying to sort it out, but we are not experts and need guidance.

"We should make fans more club-conscious, feeling part of it. Seating for all would solve some of the problems. These improvements will be made at Millwall when our new development is complete."

'BRING BACK THE BIRCH'

David Smith, Chairman of Manchester United's 20,000-member Supporters' Club, was reluctant to comment. "I know that our views would be significant, but we don't want to get drawn into other clubs' recent problems.

"It is not for us to say what we think of happenings at Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday or anywhere else, or to tell Government, magistrates or police what to do. Privately we might think the birch or gaol might stop them.

"Football misbehaviour hasn't

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How to 'fight back'

go to court along with hooligan children."

Bert Millichip, F.A. Disciplinary chairman, demands: "Bring back corporal punishment." F.A. secretary Ted Croker concurs. Fulham chairman Ernie Clay declares: "The cat-o-nine tails would be a great deterrent."

Magistrates are urged to impose harsher penalties. But they must implement the law as it stands. Changes must come through Parliament. Home Secretary Willie Whitelaw, however, considers magistrates already have sufficient powers.

Offenders under 17 — the majority of football hooligans — appear in Juvenile Courts and may be sent to police attendance centres, which are being increased in number up and down the country.

Older offenders appear in Magistrates' Courts, where sentences can range from binding over to up to six months' imprisonment.

'PLAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS'

Tony Douglas, Cambridge United's vice-chairman, said, following Chelsea's visit: "Some of the Chelsea followers I can only describe as the scum of the earth. I'd like Cambridge to give a lead by playing Chelsea behind closed doors. I don't want to see their fans here again."

Chelsea's embarrassed chairman Brian Mears agrees and adds: "The Government should



involved Manchester United supporters for the last three seasons. Perhaps it did in the past, but not now."

Crowd behaviour is often worst in Scotland when up to 75,000 watch Rangers play Celtic. "I only go when the match is at home," says George Delaney, General Secretary of Celtic Supporters' Association.

"Crowd troubles are general now in football. Celtic carry great support from Glasgow to various places, outnumbering home supporters. There has been improvement at Celtic, but there is room for more.

"Our 5,000-6,000 Supporters' Club members behave well. Up to 8,000 others, travelling in buses arranged by pubs etc. are less well disciplined. The biggest element of trouble is young people aged 15-20 who travel, unorganised, by rail.

'BAN BOOZE'

"Part of the constitution of Celtic Supporters' Club is 'no alcohol'. Booze is the problem. British Rail has no proper supervision on trains, and younger supporters are getting too much drink down them. British Rail said in a circular that they would ban alcohol, but



F.A. Secretary Ted Croker (above, left) and Disciplinary Chairman Bert Millichip face an uphill struggle in their battle to combat the terrace violence (below) that is poisoning the game.

when I travelled by ordinary train I had no trouble getting drinks.

"Perhaps things will improve when the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill comes in. Part five, dealing with 'Sporting Events: Control of Alcohol' bans the carrying of alcohol and allows a fine of £200 against the traveller, the hirer, the owner and the driver. This Bill will control the situation and help to bring back family support.

"Glasgow Police handle ground problems well. Elsewhere, Dundee and Aberdeen for instance, police segregate fans. I'm not sure this is the best policy. As for using dogs — some of our supporters would eat the dogs.

"We must educate the mindless ones. We need fair play and good conduct from players, because youngsters copy them. We have players feigning injury and then, when opponents are cautioned, recovering miraculously. Players and managers alike should be disciplined for that sort of thing."

Still in Scotland, David Miller, General Secretary of Rangers Supporters' Association (8,000 members), says: "Our association has thoroughly discussed the problem of crowd disturbance. Spectator control inside Ibrox is down to Rangers FC, and problems

immediately outside the ground are dealt with by the police. We, of course, liaise with parent club and police.

"We're closely concerned with away travel. We issue membership cards annually, ban drink on buses and the singing of obscene, offensive songs."

'INEXPERIENCE'

Violence and crime connected with football must be urgently and rigorously dealt with.

Well-meaning supporters' clubs do their best, but frequently don't have the resources, experience of leadership, organisation or jurisdiction to deal with young criminals. At best they can only influence their own members but, sometimes, fail to do even that.

Fans not in supporters' clubs need control and discipline, and punishment when they offend. Parent football clubs must accept responsibility for the good order of their supporters.

Players must eliminate violent play and violent language. Football Associations and Leagues must give firm guidelines to clubs.

The Government, through the Home Secretary, must clearly instruct the police. Only then will we begin to solve a problem that has become a national disgrace.

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BRYAN Robson is in line to play his third successive World Cup qualifying tie next week and I was interested to read a quote by him recently: "I won't know whether I'm established or not until Ray Wilkins is fit again."

What he seemed to be saying was that the two of us couldn't play together in the England midfield. I wouldn't go along with that, though. We were scheduled to line-up together in one game last season, but Bryan had to cry off with an injury.

I think he's done an excellent job for the team and many critics rated him our outstanding player in Rumania last month. I wouldn't say he had to worry about me — more a case of me worrying about him.

Obviously my priority at the moment is simply to get fully fit again. Then I shall try to win back my place in the England team. I agree that we are, perhaps, similar players. I used to play the anchor-man role in midfield and now Bryan has taken over, although he defends better than I do.

Bryan's a smashing lad and I'm really pleased he's done so well.

While the squad are preparing for Switzerland, I'll be doing some light training and losing some weight. I put on 12lbs while I was resting my groin injury. I only have to look at a chip to put on weight.

Thankfully, I can lose it quickly — I've had enough practice! It didn't seem fair that Gordon McQueen should lose a stone in a week when

he went down with tonsillitis. I felt like going round to his house and catching it!

I'll be watching the game on television and while I'm stating the obvious, we **MUST** be looking for both points. It's impossible to 'plan' a World Cup campaign, but when I looked at the fixtures there were obviously one or two that would present problems, like our trips to Rumania and Hungary. On the other hand, beating the Swiss at Wembley is a must.

I genuinely thought the lads could win in Rumania. The defence looked sound and Bryan Robson was winning some vital tackles, too. Rumania surprised me, and a few others I bet, and on the evidence of the game in Bucharest the rest of

**Ray
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the group teams won't get much joy there.

If any good can come of a defeat, then I hope that reverse is the reminder we needed that qualifying for Spain won't be as easy as some critics have said. I'm sure we'll be there, but it won't be a formality.

I don't go along with those who said the England team in Rumania was inexperienced. In terms of international caps — yes; but nearly

'NO NEED TO WORRY,

all those players had a wealth of European experience. Graham Rix, for example, played for Arsenal against Juventus in Turin and I can't think of a more daunting task than that.

There has been a call for new faces, especially in defence. It would be silly to drop Dave Watson now. Okay, he can't go on forever, but I feel he's still the best around at

LEFT: "Bryan Robson has done an excellent job for the England team in their recent games."



ABOVE: "Mick Mills, an outstanding player who is unable to command a regular place in the England defence."

his job. The time to try new players is, ideally, not in a World Cup-tie, but a friendly. And any defence where Mick Mills can't claim a regular place can't be too bad.

I don't know too much about Switzerland. They were Ron Greenwood's first opponents three years ago and they returned with an honourable 0-0 draw. I was sub that night and came on for Ian Callaghan, although I remember very little about the match.

Presumably, they'll come to contain us, hoping to catch us on the break. From their point of view, a draw at Wembley would boost their chances of qualifying.

We must be patient, as we were against Norway, trying to find a way through their defence. Raimondo

BRYAN

Ponte will be passing on a few tips to his Swiss team-mates. He seems to have done well with Forest — I was very impressed by him when he played for Grasshoppers against them in the European Cup 18 months ago.

While England play Switzerland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will also be in World Cup action next week.

Wales have started extremely well, beating Iceland and Turkey by

four goals, but Czechoslovakia will be a different proposition. I wonder if the Czechs' experience will frustrate the Welsh in Cardiff.

And before any Welsh readers write in, Wales fully deserved to beat us in the British Championship — they could even have scored ten! The World Cup is different and I have a sneaking feeling Czechoslovakia won't be beaten next Wednesday.

There is no doubt the Republic of

Ireland will beat Cyprus — it's a question of by how many goals. Cyprus will be trying to keep the scoreline respectable. The Irish will be hoping for an early goal, because the longer it goes before they score the worse it becomes.

They must bombard Cyprus ... overrun them in every department ... and I'm sure they'll do this. I rate Eire as one of the most difficult sides to play against, and Northern Ireland are never the easiest team to

LEFT: "I feel that Dave Watson is still the best central defender around, despite calls for a younger man in his place."



play, especially at Windsor Park.

The British Champions are capable of winning all their home ties, so if they do this the away points they pick up will be a bonus. I'd say they were capable of picking up a point in Portugal.

This Saturday (November 15th) United play at Middlesbrough, who have improved a lot this season. They have shown a lot of enterprise and have players of real flair.

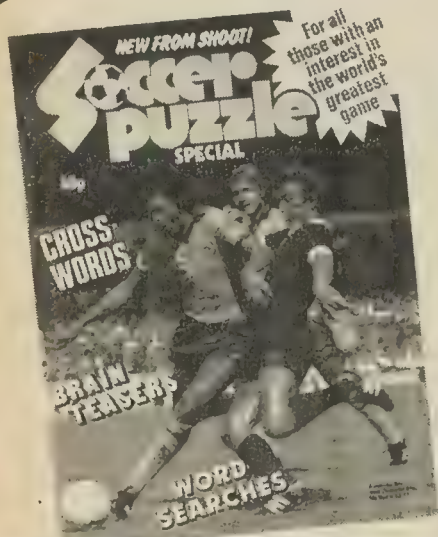
Opening Day

Young Craig Johnston will be one player we'll have to watch closely, and David Armstrong, who has been on the verge of the England team for some time, is another. We beat them 3-0 on the opening day of the season at Old Trafford, and although it won't be so easy this time, I'd like to think we can pinch two points.

United are going well, though, with Garry Birtles settling in nicely. I particularly like the way he holds the ball, enabling others to take up good positions.

Join me again in a fortnight,

Ray Jones



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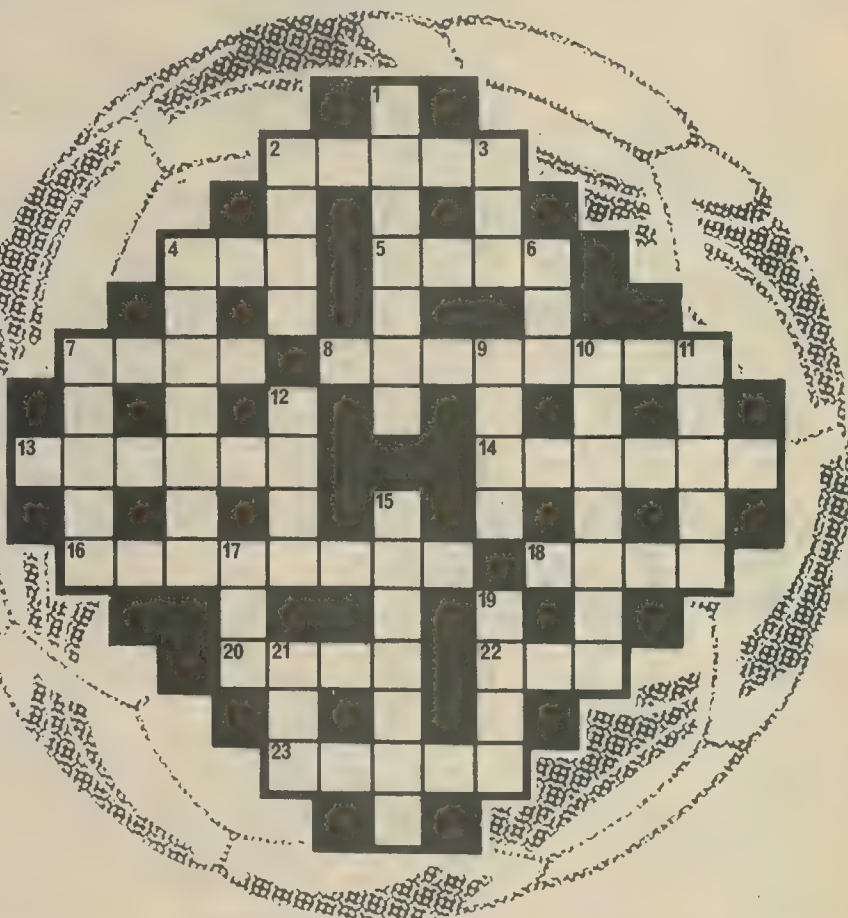
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 (15) Gerry —, Crystal Palace midfielder player. (7)
 (17) —tenham Hotspur play at White Hart Lane. (3)
 (19) John —, Ipswich midfielder player. (4)
 (21) B-bby -o-son, Ipswich boss. (3)

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- (1) — Park; St Johnstone's ground. (7)

- (21) B-bby -o-son, Ipswich boss. (3)



ANSWERS ON PAGE 48

How to stop the Hooligans



Here at Roy of the Rovers we're as concerned about football violence as everyone else... and that's why we invited you, the readers, to telephone us and give us your ideas for stopping the hooligans. This week, in a special issue, we publish some of your ideas together with some ideas of our own!

ALSO THIS WEEK:

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Tommy Langley (OPR) joins the exciting line-up.

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The coal-miner who could strike gold for The Diamonds

A SIX foot plus coal-miner who has had difficulty in persuading his manager to part with £16.99 for a new pair of gloves could be the most exciting goalkeeper to hit Scottish soccer since the amazing Ronnie Simpson.

The name of the youngster who has made such a startling impact in his debut season in the Premier Division is John Martin, goalkeeper to hard-pressed Airdrie where he certainly gets plenty of opportunities to show his class and character.

Manager Bobby Watson is thrilled with his exciting prospect and says: "He has just come into the team and he looks as though he has been there all his life.

"Ernie McGarr was our goalkeeper at the start of the season, but I couldn't ignore young John's claim to a first team place.

"I gave him his opportunity and he hasn't let anyone down. It is because of his consistent form that I have been able to sell McGarr to Berwick Rangers.

"I would never have thought of letting such an experienced player as McGarr go if I was not confident we had cover for such a vital part of our team."

Martin has somersaulted into the headlines after incredible displays against both members of the Old Firm, Celtic and Rangers, in Glasgow this season.

Celtic were first to be left bewildered by this youngster's astonishing reflexes and marvellous confidence. They hit him with everything bar the Parkhead stand, but he stood firm.

Martin, however, really stole the show against Rangers in a goalless draw that prompted Ibrox manager John Greig to say: "Normally I don't single out individual players for praise, but I must say I was greatly impressed by Airdrie's young keeper.

"It's the first time I have seen him in action and he just didn't do anything wrong. He was unbeatable against us. It's as simple as that."

And what about those £16.99 gloves? Boss Watson says: "Do you think a wee club like Airdrie can afford such a sum just for a pair of gloves? In fact, he had the cheek to ask for two pairs."

We are not sure whether or not Watson is joking! Certainly Martin didn't need gloves against Rangers. Everything he went for seemed to stick to his hands as the Ibrox men scratched their heads in disbelief at some of his breathtaking swoops along the goal-line.

"I enjoyed that game," says Martin, "but I know I am still learning my trade. I can only say that I am delighted the gaffer, Mr. Watson, had enough confidence in my ability to give me a first team place so early in my career.

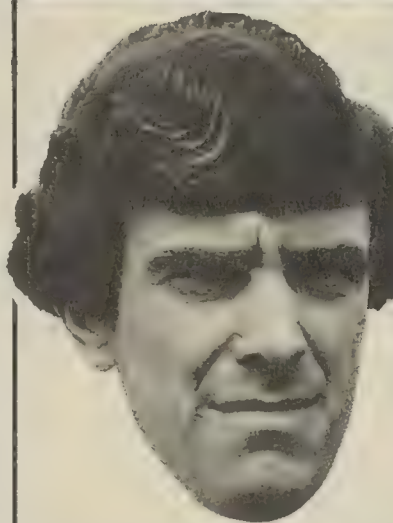
"Let's face it, this is a crucial season for the team. We have just been promoted from the First Division and we will be under a bit of pressure.

"I can only thank Mr Watson for giving me the chance to show what I can do. I'm determined not to let anyone down."

Martin, a part-timer who works as a miner to boost his wage packet, is a new name to Scottish soccer fans. If he continues to play with the same sort of daredevil bravado he has shown against the big guns of Celtic and Rangers, he could strike gold for The Diamonds.

Gloves or no gloves!

Rovers on the move



Tranmere night.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't achieve that aim if we continue to provide entertaining football and give the public value for money."

Hamilton, who is coming home in a sense, having been a great favourite at Everton, of course, in between spells with Ipswich Town, Millwall and Swindon Town, is in his first managerial post, and believes he couldn't have chosen a better starting point.

"We have a good set-up here. The board are actually interested in football, and don't just want to talk about money, and we have some promising young players."

One of these is unquestionably John Williams, a defender who shows distinct potential after a mere handful of games.

'Competes'

"John has a good physique, is very good in the air, competes for every ball, distributes it well and has a chance of making it at a higher level," says Hamilton, adding predictably "mind you, I'll have something to say if anyone tries to take him away from us."

Hamilton has also been impressed with the skills of winger Steve Peplow, who has been given more freedom in his role on the pitch, and midfielder Steve Mungall, who came to Tranmere from Motherwell last year, and continues to develop nicely.

"There are obviously some sides in the Fourth Division who come to our ground to spoil, and pinch a point, and I'm having to learn to be patient. The boys have been good though, and so have the crowd.

"The best instance of this was in the match with Halifax. The first 45 minutes must have been terrible to watch. We couldn't unlock them, they just got men behind the ball, and closed up on us in midfield giving us no room to play.

"Once we scored we were all right, but this is the sort of thing we have to overcome. I thought the crowd would really give us some stick but they got behind us and it all came right in the end and we got the points.

"I'm not the sort to make promises about winning promotion, but what I will say is we'll always play good football so long as I'm in charge and we'll build for the future."

"It is about time that clubs started giving the crowds some entertainment for their money, and if Tranmere can help to brighten Friday nights, then I'll be happy."

ONE of football's newest player-managers has the refreshing attitude: "I'm just going to enjoy the job."

That exceedingly likeable Irishman Bryan Hamilton has certainly got off to a cracking start with Tranmere Rovers — guiding them in his first month in the job from the bottom four of the Fourth Division to a place on the fringe of the promotion race.

"When I got the job I was naturally delighted, but looking through the papers one couldn't help noticing the number of comings and goings involving managers. Malcolm Allison and Tommy Docherty were on their way out and I don't suppose I'll be with Tranmere for the rest of my life.

'Determined'

"Starting off with that philosophy and accepting I'm not going to change the world, I'm just determined to enjoy being a manager.

"You see so many people in the job who look fed up with life you wonder if it's all worth it, but I'm sure it is if you adopt the right approach.

"What I'm hoping to achieve at Tranmere is to set the club on a good footing and build up from there. We really have got marvellous facilities at Prenton Park, second to none in the lower Divisions, and it's a joy to be with the club.

"We play our home matches on Friday evenings, because there's no point competing with Everton and Liverpool on a Saturday, and our aim is to get people in to the habit of saying Friday night is

Martin takes it on the chin from St. Mirren's Doug Somner.





YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

You stop play to inspect boots after a serious stud injury. You find the culprit and send him off to rectify the studs. Should you (a) award a direct free-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick, or (c) drop the ball?



2

The ball is thrown directly to an attacker in an offside position. He scores. Should you allow the goal?



3

A player is kicked in the penalty-area but keeps possession. You signal play on. He shoots wide but claims a penalty-kick. Should you award (a) a goal-kick, or (b) a penalty-kick?



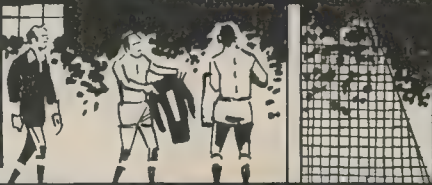
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You walk on to the pitch to start a match and come face-to-face with a player you have sent-off the previous week. Should you (a) take no action, (b) allow a substitute to replace him, or (c) refuse him permission to play?



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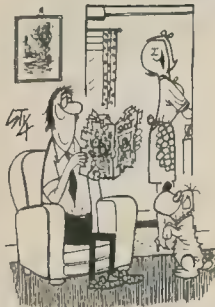
The goalkeeper says he is injured and asks a team-mate to change places with him just for the penalty-kick. Should you agree to this?



ANSWERS

1. Drop the ball (c). 2. Yes, you can't be off-side from a throw-in. 3. A goal-kick (a). Although that is the ruling under the F.I.F.A. laws, I have tried now for seven years to change the advantage clause. I believe that the clause should be a definite law which is like the 'Rugby Law'. The 'Rugby Law' gives the referee discretionary powers, that is 'if the advantage has not been taken' the referee can then revert his decision and award a free-kick or a penalty. I still feel very strongly about this law and would welcome it in our game. 4. Take no action (a). 5. Yes

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"The tactical plan is based on simplicity. While the rest of the team are marking Kenny Dalglish — you sneak in and score."

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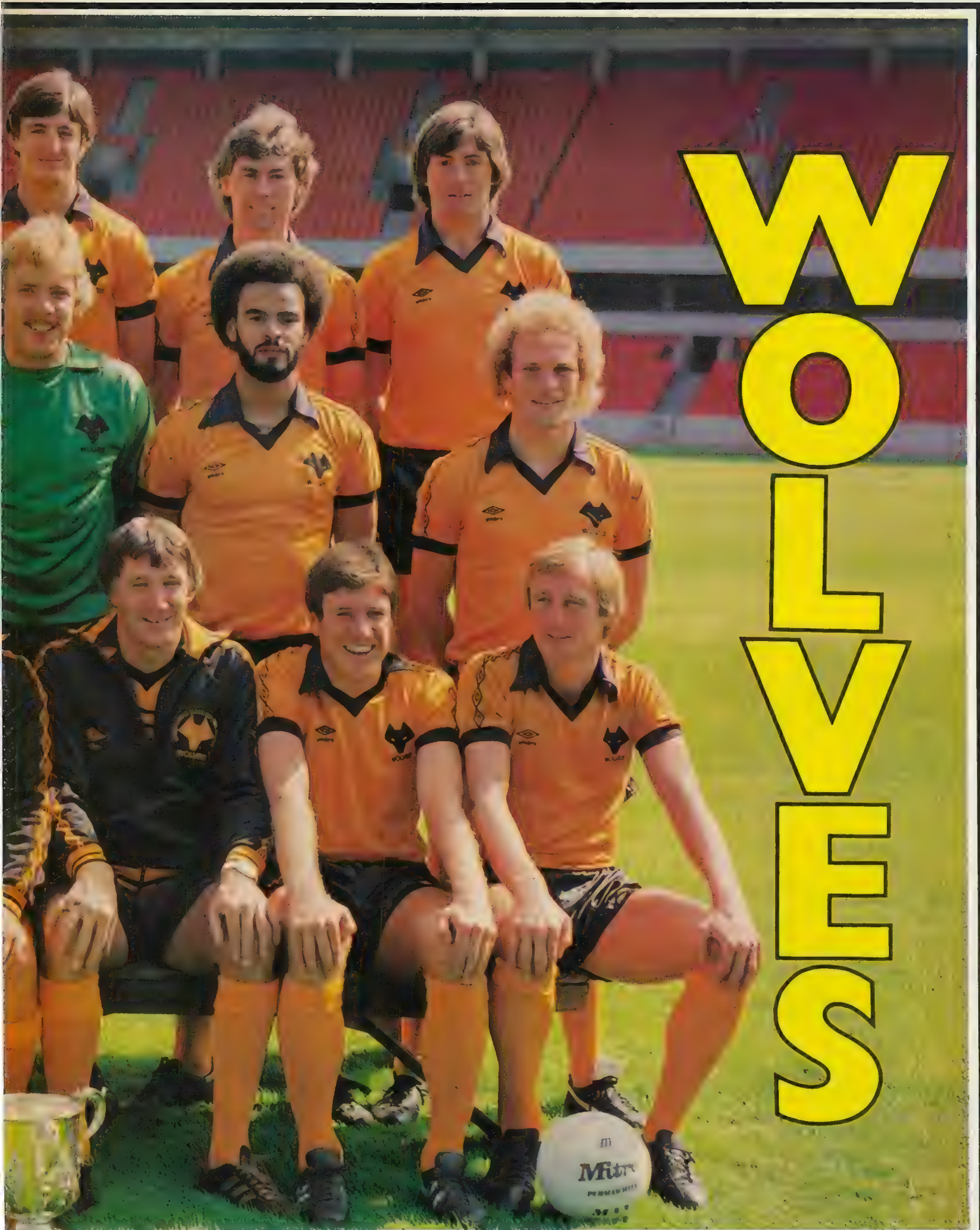
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 Andy Gray.
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 Daniel, John Barnwell (manager), Richie
 Barker (assistant manager), Emyln Hughes,
 Derek Parkin.





WOLVES

SHOOT!

PIKE'S A BIG FISH NOW

THEY call them unsung heroes. Players who do a solid job week in, week out without getting the public recognition their efforts deserve.

Every club has got one. Every club needs one — and in West Ham's case the man concerned is tiny Geoff Pike.

While most of the newspaper talk around West Ham way is of Trevor Brooking, Billy Bonds and Phil Parkes, Pike goes about his business in a thorough, if unspectacular, way.

And while the bigger names escape the fans wrath when things go wrong, Pike is the sort of player the paying customers take it out on.

It's a situation that hurts him. But one he has learned to live with in his eight years at Upton Park.

"It was made clear to me a long time ago that I'm not the type of player the crowd takes to easily," he says.

"I can be having a good game — then make one mistake and they are on my back. I don't think it's fair, but I have got used to it now."

Pike is another of those soccer gems — a man who will play anywhere without complaint.

And his willingness to turn out in whatever shirt manager John Lyall hands to him could have retarded his progress.

"I suppose the fact that I did not have a recognised position to challenge for could have held me back," claims Pike.

"But I think it can also work the other way as well — to my advantage. For if you can turn your hand to several jobs you have more chance of being called on when someone else is forced to drop out.

'Fed Up'

"I have always been basically happy here — although of course I got a bit fed up when I was left out.

"In really deep depressions I have wondered whether it might have been better to move elsewhere to try and command a regular first team place.

"But deep down I knew I could never do any better for myself anywhere else. West Ham have a reputation for looking after everyone who works for them and it is justified.

"Even in my blackest moments I never asked for a move. And that is the last thing on my mind now,



Geoff Pike chased by Roger Gibbins of Cambridge.

with things going so well for us.

"We are all disappointed at missing out on promotion for the past two years and are determined to make it third time lucky."

Pike had to be more patient than most before establishing himself in the West Ham team. It was not until three years ago that he really started to make his presence felt.

But he is making up for lost time

in a big way now. Success in last season's F.A. Cup gave him his first big honour and we have a hunch a Second Division Championship medal will soon be on the sideboard.

Whatever he gets from the game he will earn. We wish him well — for football needs more of the Pike type. And West Ham appreciate that fact more than anyone.



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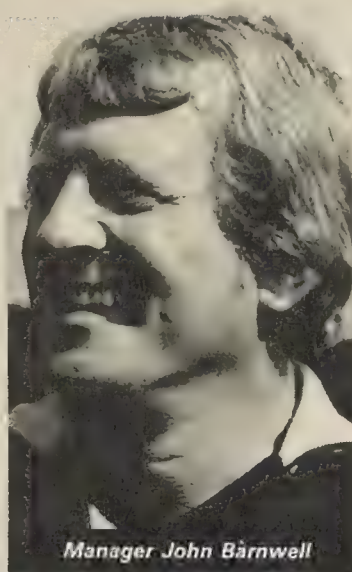


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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Ups and downs at Wolves



Manager John Barnwell

PAST HONOURS

First Division Champions: 1953-54, 1957-58, 1958-59. Second Division Champions: 1931-32, 1976-77. Third Division (North) Champions: 1923-24. F.A. Cup winners: 1893, 1908, 1949, 1960.

League Cup winners: 1973-74, 1979-80.

U.E.F.A. Cup: 1971-72 (runners-up). Most League Goals: 115, Division Two, 1931-32.

Most capped player: Billy Wright, 105 England appearances.

Managers since the War: Ted Vizard, Stan Cullis, Andy Beattie, Ron Allen, Bill McGarry, Sammy Chung, John Barnwell.

Most League appearances: Billy Wright, 491, 1946-59.

Club Shop: 'The Lair', Molineux Ground, Wolverhampton.

LIFE has hardly been dull for Wolverhampton Wanderers' supporters in the past decade. Their team have either been flirting dangerously with relegation — they went down in 1975-76 — or challenging heavily for trophies at home and abroad.

At the moment they are on a "downer", knocked out of the U.E.F.A. and the League Cups by PSV Eindhoven and Second Division Cambridge United respectively and looking at the top of the First Division from the wrong end of the table.

Their manager John Barnwell has made no secret of his ambitious objectives since succeeding Sammy Chung at Molineux.

Overall he has done much to revive the club and give it hope for the 80's as we mentioned in our feature which appeared in October 25 issue, but privately he is rather dismayed that Wolves have not maintained the momentum they established last season when they swept to victory in the League Cup Final over Nottingham Forest and chased hard for the First Division title, finishing in a respectable sixth position.

Now, Barnwell, who survived an horrific car crash, and his assistant Richie Barker are trying to maintain the progress they made in 1979-80.

The re-development of Molineux and Barnwell's arrival has done much to give an ailing "Wolf" new teeth and turn misty eyes away from fading black and white prints of Billy Wright, Johnny Hancocks and Dennis Wilshaw, who were the Molineux heroes in the glorious 50's.

Wolves' last ten years have been fascinating to say the least. They reached the U.E.F.A. Cup Final, losing to Tottenham, in 1971-72, won the League Cup in 1973-74 and 1979-80, lost in Semi-Finals of the League Cup and F.A. Cup and won the Second Division title in 1976-77.

They finished in the First Division's top six on three occasions and the 1970's ended with Wolves writing heavyweight cheques for players and bricks and mortar.

In one mad spending spree in 1979, they set new records as sellers (Steve Daley to Manchester City) and buyers (Andy Gray from Aston Villa) and were also involved in an off-the-field investment of more than £2 million on a new stand.

Wolves had three managers during the 70's and each took them to honours. Bill McGarry and John Barnwell steered them to Wembley triumph in the League Cup, while Sammy Chung masterminded their promotion from the

Second Division at the first attempt.

Yet there is no doubt that the most remarkable progress has come since John Barnwell arrived from Peterborough and brought in Richie Barker from Shrewsbury Town in November, 1978.

Wolves were in serious trouble. They had taken only seven points from 15 games and were bottom but one in the First Division. They won their first game under new management and their recovery was so dramatic that they avoided relegation and reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup.

Dynamic

The momentum was maintained last season when Wolves won ten away games to carry them to sixth place in the table under the dynamic leadership of Emyln Hughes, bought from Liverpool specifically for his enthusiasm, boundless energy and zest for a game he continues to love.

Wolves secured a place in Europe this season as early as March 15, their away record comparable with that of Liverpool's in the League, and they were able to play out the season without pressure.

Young players were blooded, including midfield man Hugh

Atkinson, London-born defender John Humphrey and two Birmingham-born players, Craig Moss and utility man Colin Brazier.

He strengthened the squad by paying £140,000 for Rafael Villazan, a Uruguayan defender signed from Spanish Second Division club, Huelva. He is one for the future but has been given a run in the team months ahead of schedule because Wolves are beset by injuries.

Ken Hibbitt and Derek Parkin have both been sidelined, then Colin Brazier was injured and in came Villazan.

At home, Wolves began this season with wins against Manchester United and Crystal Palace but lost form dramatically to bring this warning from John Barnwell: "Something has to be done. We have kept the passion and enthusiasm going for two seasons but it is doubtful if we can do it for the next few months."

They crashed out of the League Cup and went out of the U.E.F.A. Cup at the first attempt to PSV Eindhoven despite a stirring 1-0 victory in the second-leg at Molineux in which Mel Eves scored a goal.

The Wolves have lost their bite momentarily, but John Barnwell is too good a manager to let them slip back to their bad old days.



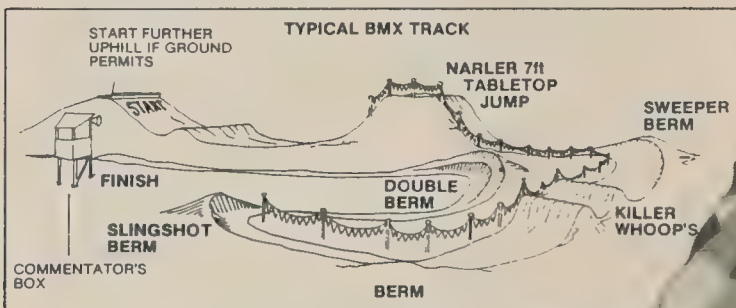
Mel Eves (left), scorer of the only goal in the second-leg U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against PSV. Andy Gray (right), the costliest player at Molineux who is currently ruled out of the side by ligament trouble.



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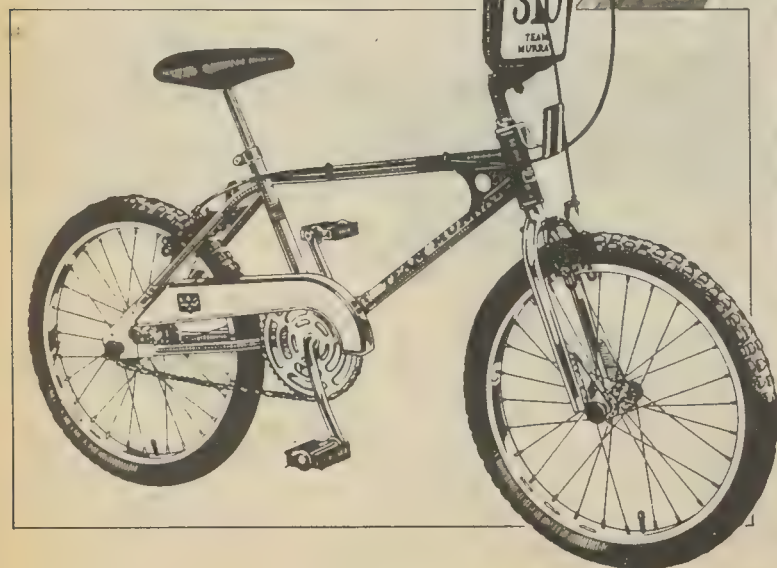
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BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, November 15th

Everton v Sunderland

THIS will be their 61st Football League meeting in Liverpool and one of the real thrillers took place on Christmas Day, 1926, when Everton (next to bottom in the table and just having lost 5-1 at Leeds) defeated top-of-the-table Sunderland 5-4. Everton took the lead four times on that day and Dixie Dean was the afternoon's hero scoring four in a row before Bobby Irvine clinched the winner with six minutes to spare. Sunderland's scorers were David Halliday (2), Billy Clunas (1 pen.), and Billy Ellis.

One of Sunderland's most satisfying wins at Everton (where they have won 15 times) was in November, 1913. Everton were going through another bad patch, having lost 6-0 the previous Saturday at Blackburn, and this meeting with Sunderland ran true to form with the visitors winning 5-1 (Dick Best 2, Charlie Buchan and Jackie Mordue 2).

Twelve months later, on the same ground, Everton (heading for the Championship) gained ample revenge with a 7-1 victory, their left wing pair — Joe Clennel and George Harrison — dazzling the Sunderland defence in which a youngster by the name of Jimmy Boe made his first and last League appearance in goal.

Sunderland's last win at Goodison was 2-1 in 1955-56, since when they have drawn one of their nine games there.

Arsenal v West Brom

ALTHOUGH Albion were beaten 4-0 at Highbury in March, 1978 (Malcolm Macdonald (3) and Willie Young) that is their only defeat in their last four League visits. They won 2-1 in March, 1977 (both goals from David Cross) and by the same score on Boxing Day 1978 (Bryan Robson and Alistair Brown). Last season the game ended all square 1-1.

Albion's record at Highbury since the War is much better than average for clubs away from home, for they have avoided defeat 13 times in 27 League visits, including five wins. The Midlanders especially like to recall their 4-2 victory at Highbury in November, 1959.

Aston Villa v Leeds

WITH three wins and two draws in their last eight League games at Villa Park, Leeds could be developing into something of a bogey team for the Midland club. Last season's result was a goalless draw, only the second such result in their 23 League clashes at Villa Park.

Ipswich v Leicester

LEICESTER's visits to Ipswich have always been low scoring affairs, neither side ever being able to score more than twice in a game.

Man. City v Soton

SOUTHAMPTON have been undefeated in their last three League visits, winning twice and drawing the other. In fact, Southampton have escaped defeat in no less than eight of their last 13 League games at Maine Road.

LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCO

Saturday, October 11 (Continued)

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT 0 ROCHDALE 0	3,017
BURY (0) 3 (Trainer, Farley, Butler) TORQUAY (0) 0	2,145
CREWE 0 DONCASTER 0	4,033
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Walsh) BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Massey 2)	2,045
HALIFAX (0) 1 (O'Neal) SOUTHEND (2) 5 (Spence, Moody, Cusack, Gray 2)	1,609
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Hobson) YORK (0) 1 (Smith)	4,026
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Bird) BRADFORD (0) 0	3,234
PORT VALE (2) 5 (Bromage 2, Allen, Chamberlain 2) TRANMERE (0) 1 (Peplow)	2,820
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Phillips 2)	2,650
WIGAN (1) 1 (Corrigan) PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Gallagher)	4,851
WIMBLEDON (3) 5 (Galliers, Cork, Leslie 2, Ketteridge) HARTLEPOOL (0) 0	1,971

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Scanlon, Jarvie) KILMARNOCK (0) 0	12,000
Aberdeen: De Clerck, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, Cooper (Bell), Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee (Cowan), Jarvie, Scanlon. Kilmarnock: Brown, Roberts, Coburn, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Houston, Mauchlen, Docherty, Cramond (Wilson).	
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Clark) MORTON (0) 0	4,000
Airdrie: Martin, Walker, March, McCluskey, Rodger, McKeown, McCulloch (Cairney), Gordon, Clark, McVeigh, McGuire. Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Orr, Holmes, Rooney, Busby, Thomson, McNeil (McNab), Cochrane, Ritchie.	
DUNDEE UTD 0 PARTICK 0	4,706
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Kopel, Hegarty, Narey, Stark, Bannon, Payne, Holt, Sturrock, Pettigrew (Kirkwood), Campbell. Partick: Rough, Welsh, Campbell, Whittaker, Lapsley, Higgins, McDonald (Marr), Watson, Park, Torrance, O'Hara.	
RANGERS (0) 3 (McAdam 2, Jeffries (o.g.)) HEARTS (0) 1 (MacDonald)	23,700
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Johnstone, Jackson, Miller, Bett, Redford, Cooper (Forsyth), MacDonald, McAdam, Johnston (McClean). Hearts: Brough, Jeffries, Denny, McVie, Shields, Bowman (Conn), Kidd, MacDonald, Gibson (Robinson), O'Connor, Robertson.	

ST MIRREN (0) 0 CELTIC (2) 2 (MacDonald, Stark (o.g.))	18,601
St Mirren: Thomson, Young (Curran), McCormack, Copland, McAveety, Stark (Logan), Richardson, Abercrombie, Weir, McDougall, Somner. Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, McAdam, MacDonald, McGrain, Proven, Sullivan, Aitken, McCluskey, Nicholas, McGarvey.	

Scottish First

AYR 0 ST JOHNSTONE 0	2,649
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (McLaughlin, Harkins) BERWICK (1) 1 (McLeod)	600
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (McCalley) MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Kidd)	1,200
HAMILTON (1) 1 (McDougall) DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton)	2,000
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Connolly, Jamieson) FALKIRK (0) 0	6,947
RAITH 0 DUNDEE 0	1,500

STIRLING (0) 0 DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Donnelly)	700
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Scottish Second

ALLOA (1) 5 (McComb, McNab, Holt, McIntosh, Grant) BRECHIN (0) 0	610
ARBROATH (0) 1 (Harley) EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Scott (G))	779
COWDENBEATH (2) 4 (Liddle 2, Marshall, Rowland pen) CLYDE (2) 2 (McAlpine 2)	200
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Taylor) QoS (0) 1 (Forbes (o.g.))	350
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McGregor) MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Sproat)	950
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 FORFAR (0) 1 (Brown)	350
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Hood) ALBION (2) 4 (Houston, Campbell 2, Hill)	400

Monday, October 13

Anglo-Scottish Cup

(Quarter-Final, first-leg)

RANGERS (1) 1 (Dalziel) CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Walker)	12,000
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Tuesday, October 14

European Under-21 Championship

RUMANIA (0) 4 (Terhes 3, Dyson (og)) ENGLAND (0) 0	In Ploest 10,000
Rumania: Speriatu, Vlad, Solomon, Rednik, Iovan, Pop, Zamfir (Geolga), Suciv, Tehres, Bozesan, Klein. England: Lukic, Fenwick, Dennis (Ranson), Baker, Gilbert, Dyson, Hilaire, Fashanu, Allen, Cowans, Dillon (Hodgson).	

International

ENGLAND 'B' (0) 1 (Statham) USA (0) 0	At Old Trafford 7,176
England: Bailey, Watson, Statham, Talbot, Osman, Elliott, Barnes, Williams, Regis (Ward), Sunderland (Reeves), Armstrong. USA: Mausser, Crudo (Fowles), Keough, Pecher, Macowski, Di Bernardo, Cantilla (Van der Beck), Bandov (Huker), Nanchoff, Davis, Liveridge (Moyers).	



Third Division

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Trusson, Hatton) NEWPORT (0) 0	9,776
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Anglo-Scottish Cup

(Quarter-Final, second-leg)

BURY (1) 1 (Hilton) AIRDRIE (0) 0	2,984
Bury win 5-2 on agg.	
KILMARNOCK (4) 4 (Cramond 2, Bourke, Maxwell) BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Thompson, Hockaday)	2,700
Kilmarnock win 5-4 on agg.	

Scottish First

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Fraser, Sinclair) HAMILTON (0) 0	3,200
E. STIRLING (0) 0 AYR (1) 2 (Morris, Christie)	800

Wed, October 15

World Cup Qualifying

(Group Two)

REP. OF IRELAND (1) 1 (Grealish) BELGIUM (1) 1 (Cluytens) at Lansdowne Road	40,000
Rep. of Ireland: Payton, Hughton, Langan, Moran, Lawrenson, Daly, Grealish, Brady, Stapleton, Highway, Givens (McGee). Belgium: Praff, Gerets, Millecamps (De Wolfe), Meuwis, Renquin, Cluytens, Van der Eycken, Van Moer (Heyligen), Vandenburg, Coeck, Cuelemans.	

(Group Three)

WALES (2) 4 (Flynn, James 2 (1 pen.), Walsh) TURKEY (0) 0 At Ninian Park	11,770
Wales: Davies, Nicholas, Jones, Phillips, Price, Yorath, Flynn, Giles, Harris, Walsh, James. Turkey: Senol, Tunga, Cam, Husnu, Faith, Erham, Necdet (Serrdar), Gungor, Tuncay, Sedat, Halil.	

(Group Four)

RUMANIA (1) 2 (Raducanu, Iordanescu (pen)) ENGLAND (0) 1 (Woodcock)	In Bucharest 75,000
Rumania: Iordache, Negrita, Munteanu, Sames, Stefanescu, Beldanu, Crisan, Iordanescu, Camataru, Ticleanu, Raducanu. England: Clemence, Neal, Sansom, Thompson, Watson, Rix, Robson, McDermott, Birtles (Cunningham), Woodcock, Gates (Coppell).	

(Group Six)

N. IRELAND (3) 3 (Brotherston, McIlroy, Nicholl (J)) SWEDEN (0) 0 At Windsor Park	20,000
N. Ireland: Platt, Nicholl (J), Nicholl (C), McClelland, Donaghy, Brotherston, O'Neill, Cassidy (McCreary), McIlroy, Hamilton (Cochrane), Armstrong. Sweden: Moller, Borg, Borgesson, Arvidson, Larsson, Ramberg (Erlendsson), Nilsson (P), Halmgren, Nilsson (T), Edstrom, Ohlsson (Sjoberg).	

SCOTLAND 0 PORTUGAL 0 At Hampden Park	60,765
Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Gray (F), Souness, Hansen, Miller, Strachan, Dalglish, Gray (A), Gemmill, Robertson.	

Portugal: Bento, Gabriel, Pietra, Simoes, Laranjeria, Fernandes, Eurico, Costa, Chalana, Dos Santos, Jordao (Nana).	
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Friday, October 17

Second Division

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Smith (og)) CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Lyons, Spriggs)	4,059
Cardiff: Grober, Grapes, Jones, Campbell (Dwyer), Pontin, Roberts, Micallef, Kitchen, Stevens, Ranson, Lewis. Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, Lyons, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.	

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Fourth Division

NORTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Phillips 2, Farmer 2)
CREWE (1) 1 (Palios) 2,179

SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Spence, Hadley)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 5,271

TRANMERE (1) 3 (Peplow, Mungall, Kerr)
ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (Jopling) 2,312

Saturday, October 18

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Gatting, Young)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Rowell, Cummins) 32,135
Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot (McDermott), Walford, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.

Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Rowell, Cooke, Brown, Cummins.

ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Morley 2, Withe)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 30,940
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton, Yorath (Armstrong), Lacy, Perryman, Taylor, Archibald, Villa, Hoddie, Crooks.

COVENTRY (0) 0
NORWICH (1) 1 (Downs) 12,235
Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Gooding (Bannister), Dyson, Gillespie, Van Gool, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.

Norwich: Hansbury, Nightingale, Downs, Barham, Bond, Hoadley, McGuire, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Hilaire, Allen (pen))
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Young) 16,387
C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Flanagan, Allen, Welsh, Hilaire (Smillie).

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Carr, Byrne, May, Scott, Goodwin (Melrose), Henderson, Young, Wilson, Smith.

EVERTON (2) 2 (Hartford, McBride)
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Lee, Dalglish) 52,585
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman (O'Keefe), Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner)
MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (McIlroy pen) 28,451
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen (McCall), Butcher, Wark, Muhran, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Alderson, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Moran, Duxbury, Coppell, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Gemmill pen) 30,041
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson-Power, Reid, Booth, Caton, Henry, Daley, Mackenzie, Bennett, Reeves.
Birmingham: Wealdens, Langen, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Lynex, Worthington (Givens), Gemmill, Dillon.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Jankovic)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Watson) 15,858
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Angus, McAndrew, Cochrane (Nattress), Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, McCartney, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Moran, Channon, Boyer, Holmes, Baker.

NOTTM. FOREST (2) 2 (Bowyer, Mills)
WBA (1) 1 (Moses) 25,096
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Gray, Ponte, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Mills, Wallace, Robertson.
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes (Trewick).

STOKE 0
BRIGHTON 0 13,079
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Heath, Ursem, Chapman, Richardson (Bracewell), Munro.

Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawranson, Stevens, McHale, Robinson, Smith, Ryan (Cohen).

WOLVES (1) 2 (Hughes, Richards)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Connor) 20,699
Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Palmer, Daniel, Hughes, Villazen, Hibbit, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Curtis, Hamson, Sabella, Connor.

Second Division

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Stonehouse)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Walker) 15,503
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, De Vries, Coughlin, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Stonehouse, Garner, Speight, Parkes.
Chelsea: Borota, Nutton, Rofe, Bumstead, Pates, Chivers, Britton (Driver), Fillery, Lee, Walker, Rhodes-Brown.

BOLTON (1) 1 (Gowling)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Mabbutt) 8,988
Bolton: Poole, Graham, Nicholson, Cantello, Jones, Welsh, Reid, Carter, Gowling, Kidd, Burke.
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Gow, Whitehead, Merrick, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Smith.



Bolton's Alan Gowling.

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 3 (Mabbutt, Barrett, Bates)
SHEFFIELD WED (2) 3 (Blackhall, McCulloch, Grant) 4,401
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Bate, Cooper, McCaffrey, Mabbutt, Hughes, Barrowclough, Williams (D), Williams (G), Lee (Bates), Barrett.
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Taylor, King, Hornsby, Johnson, McCulloch, Curran.

DERBY (1) 3 (Sheridan 2, Emson)
QPR (1) 3 (King 2, Langley) 16,021
Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Sheridan, Powell (S), Osgood, Skivington, Powell (B), Wilson, Hector, Emson.
QPR: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, McCreery, King, Neal, Langley, Burke.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Moore)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Train) 8,906
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crosby, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Ford, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.
Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Pritchett (Ward), Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

LUTON (0) 1 (White)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Turner) 8,014
Luton: Findley, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Goodyear, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss.
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Larkin (Lindsay), Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Cross.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Rafferty)
SWANSEA (1) 2 (Attley, Waddle) 16,792
Newcastle: Carr, Kelly, Davies, Martin, Boam, Shoulder, Mitchell, Wharton, Shinton, Rafferty, Hibbit.
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, Waddle, James (L), Charles, Robinson.

OLDHAM 0
WEST HAM 0 8,344
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Kowenicki (Atkinson), Clements, Hurst, Keenan, Fletcher, Steel, Stainrod, Heaton.
West Ham: Peakes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire (Barnes), Holland, Morgan, Cross, Neighbour, Pike.

ORIENT (0) 0
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Gray (og), McCulloch) 5,829
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Margerison.
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilkline, Richards, McCulloch, Messon, Christie (Harkouk), Hunt, Hooks.

WREXHAM (0) 0
PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce) 5,775
Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Jones, Davis, Cagielski, Carrodus, Fox, Sutton, McNeil, Vinter, Cartwright (Buxton).
Preston: Tunks, O'Riordan, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Doyle, Coleman, Elliott, Bruce, McGee.

Third Division

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Aylott, Banks)
MILLWALL (0) 0 8,693

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Williams)
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Allinson) 6,997

BRENTFORD (0) 0
CHESTER (1) 1 (Howat) 6,600

FULHAM (0) 0
OXFORD (2) 4 (Lythgoe, Brock 2, Jeffrey) 3,817

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Robins, Kennedy)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 11,655

HULL (0) 0
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Walker, Heles) 3,551

PORTSMOUTH (3) 4 (Tait, Gregory pen, Rogers, Showers)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Scott 2) 13,459

READING (0) 2 (Webb, Dixon)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Birch, Moss, Salmons) 5,904

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Forrest, Wann)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 5,903

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 3 (Charles, Peters, Hatton)
EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow) 10,608

SWINDON (0) 1 (Mayes)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (McAuley) 5,989

WALSALL (0) 1 (Hart)
NEWPORT (0) 0 4,335

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Bird) 3,335

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Campbell 2 (1 pen))
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Bromage) 2,843

DONCASTER 0
HALIFAX 0 4,044

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Bird, Newton)
LINCOLN (0) 0 2,689

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Jones)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Ketteridge) 2,369

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 4,271

ROCHDALE (2) 2 (Hilditch, Wellings)
BURY (0) 1 (Farley) 4,306

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Bowker, Cooper)
WIGAN (0) 0 2,013

YORK (0) 1 (McDonald)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,135

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (McMaster, McGhee 2)
ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Copland, McDougall) 8,000
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McLeish, Miller, Rouvrie, Strachan, Watson, Jarvie, McMaster, McGhee, Scanlon.
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, McCormack, Copland, Beckett, Stark, Richardson, Weir, Abercrombie, McDougall, Sommer.

HEARTS (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 1 (Jardine) 5,905
Hearts: Brough, Jeffries, McVeigh, Denny, Shields, Bowman, Kidd, MacDonald, Gibson, Robertson (C), Robertson (M).
Partick: Rough, Murray, Campbell, Welsh, Whittaker, Park, Watson, Jardine, Higgins, (McDonald), Torrance, O'Hara.

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Pettigrew) 2,700
Kilmarnock: Brown, Robertson, Coburn, Clark, Clarke, McDiicken, Street (McLean), Maxwell (Docherty), Bourke, Cramond, Gibson.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hagerty, Narey, Pettigrew, Gibson, Payne, Sturrock, Campbell.

MORTON (0) 2 (Ritchie, Cochrane)
CELTIC (2) 3 (Provan, Aitken, Nicholas) 16,000
Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Orr, Holmes, Rooney, Busby, Ritchie, McNeill (Tomie), Cochrane, Thomson.
Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, MacDonald, McAdam, McGrain, Aitken, Sullivan, Doyle, Provan, (MacLeod), Nicholas, McCluskey.

RANGERS 0
AIRDRIE 0 22,000
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Johnstone (Forsyth), Jackson, Miller, McLean (Johnston), Bett, Redford, Cooper, McAdam, MacDonald.
Airdrie: Martin, Kearnay (Erwin), March, McCluskey, Rogers, Walker, McCown, Gordon, Thompson, Clark, McVaigh, (McGuire).

Scottish First

BERWICK (1) 1 (Wallace)
RAITH (2) 4 (Ballantyne 2, Moyes, Harris) 961

DUMBARTON (0) 0
AYR (0) 1 (Morris) 1,000

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Murphy, Sinclair)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0 3,771

DUNFERMLINE (0) 3 (McFarlane, O'Brien, Leonard)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller) 2,100

FALKIRK (1) 2 (Thompson, Spence)
HAMILTON (2) 3 (Howie, Wright, Marshall) 1,200

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Carson, Rafferty)
STIRLING (0) 1 (Armstrong pen) 1,996

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Docherty)
HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Jamieson, MacLeod) 4,318

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 2 (Allan, Hill pen)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (McCoy, McNiven) 750

BRECHIN (1) 1 (MacLeod)
STRANRAER (0) 0 400

CLYDE (0) 0
ARBROATH (0) 2 (Harley, Young) 650

EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Scott)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt) 720

FORFAR (0) 0
MONTROSE (1) 4 (Beedie 2, Robb 2) 1,000

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 3 (Hancock 2, Jack) 150

QoS (0) 1 (Alexander)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0 1,200

Monday, October 20

Third Division

BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Crown, Hurlock, Smith)
GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Price 2, Westwood) 6,790

Fourth Division

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Lumby, Mungall)
HALIFAX (0) 0 2,314

Bells Scottish League Cup

(Quarter-Final, second-leg)

CELTIC (0) 2 (Burns, MacDonald)
PARTICK (1) 1 (O'Hara) 12,000
AET. Celtic win 3-1 on agg.

Tuesday, October 21

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 3 (Talbot, McDermott, Sansom)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Barham) 21,839
Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins (McDermott), Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.

Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Downs, McGuire, Hoadley, Nightingale, Barham, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble.

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt, Thompson)
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Cummins) 13,115
Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Gooding, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Daly, Thompson, Van Gool (Jacobs), Hunt.
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Rowell, Cooke, Brown, Cummins.

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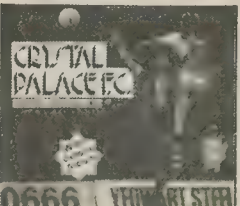
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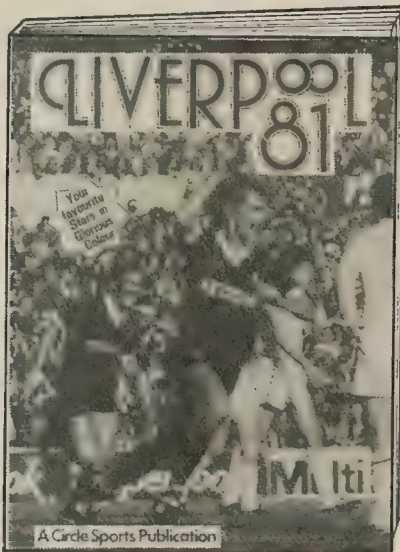


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A CAPACITY crowd of 3,500 packed into the sports pavilion at Bordeaux to watch... a closed circuit TV transmission of their team's match against Paris St. Germain at the Parc des Princes.

The experiment was an unqualified success, and the fans were delighted that the commentator also kept them in touch with all the scorelines in other League matches.

The only black note of the evening was that Bordeaux lost 4-0.

POLAND's World Cup striker Grzegorz Lato was dropped by Belgian club Lokeren after 'adaption difficulties'. Meanwhile, a 22-year-old Scot has been making the headlines. James Gillespie has been in scoring form for AA Gent; Gillespie was bought from Queen's Park and is already a hero in Belgium.

Down with a bump

FRENCH League leaders Nantes came down to earth with a bump in two senses when they visited Monaco.

Their private plane was hit by a storm over the mountains of the Massif Central during the trip south, and had to make an emergency landing at Clermont-Ferrand.

The players refused point blank to continue their journey by plane, spent the night in Lyon and went on to the coast by bus.

Not surprisingly, they ran out of steam in the second-half of the match, and Monaco clinched a 2-1 win with goals from Petit and Barbers.

St. Etienne were meanwhile beating Sochaux 3-0 to take over at the top of the table.



NILS Liedholm, manager of early Italian League leaders AS Roma, has a son Carlo, who has been forced by injury to quit the game at 22. Now he is studying law and football coaching for four years, hoping to become a football club business manager.

His father says: "In the street, I feel like an Italian after living here more than 30 years, but at home I feel Swedish. Carlo never stops talking about Volvo cars and Bjorn Borg."

Ton-up Maradona

ARGENTINE wonder-boy Diego Maradona hit his 100th League goal for Argentinos Juniors during the recent 6-0 win over San Lorenzo de Mar del Plata. Maradona hit his century in just under four years, having made his first team debut as a 15-year-old on October 20th, 1976. Since then it's taken him just 154 appearances to hit his 'ton', and even though his total includes 18 penalties it's not a bad tally for a 19-year-old.

A millionaire-in two years

ANOTHER Brazilian player is on his way to Saudi Arabia: Paulo César Carpeggiani (below, second left), may have been the best Brazilian player of the 70's, but he was unfortunate enough to have missed the '78 World Cup in Argentina through injury.

Carpeggiani first came into the Brazilian team in the 1974 World Cup, where he started as a reserve only to be made first choice as it became clear to manager Zagalo that his veterans of 1970, like Piazza, were not up to withstanding the new, faster rhythm of the European sides.

At that time Carpeggiani played for Internacional de Porto Alegre alongside Falcão, now playing for Roma. In a series of operations, he had his four knee cartilages removed and was not called by manager Cláudio Coutinho to the 1978 Brazilian squad because he was still recuperating from a pulled thigh muscle.

That decision was later widely disputed. Coutinho named the team in March, 1978, and by the time Brazil finished their preparations for the World Cup, Carpeggiani was again in top form, playing for Flamengo.

But Coutinho didn't want to make a last minute change in his squad. As a result neither Falcão (he was in "quarantine" for having criticised the Brazilian officials the year before) nor Carpeggiani played in Argentina, from which Brazil emerged in third place, but a "moral victor" in the words of Coutinho.

Carpeggiani is only 31-years-old, but quite willing to go to Saudi Arabia, from where in two years time he will come back as a millionaire.



MICHEL'S TO RETURN?

RINUS MICHEL, the man who master-minded Holland's 1974 World Cup campaign that so much impressed the soccer world, could soon be back in Europe. The Dutchman followed Johan Cruyff to Barcelona and then crossed team up with

too successful, even though we qualified for the play-offs, and the worst thing is that I honestly can't see a way of putting things right. I haven't had the players asked for at the beginning of the war.

WOODCOCK'S 'UNOFFICIAL' NEW BOSS

TONY Woodcock has a new manager at Cologne — Rinus Michels, the man who led Ajax and Holland to glory in the 70's. Cologne's Karl-Heinz Heddergott was, as expected, sacked after some indifferent performances



and stories of unrest at the club.

Officially Michels, who was also in charge of Barcelona and the Los Angeles Aztecs, is the reserve team coach, with Rolf Herizgs the first team boss. This is because in West Germany all the Bundesliga coaches have to have a diploma; understandably, Michels didn't fancy going to a coaching school for six months, believing his record makes him 'qualified'.

Heddergott received £60,000 in compensation — which works out around £10,000 per month for the few months he was at Cologne.

Meanwhile, Bernd Schuster's transfer from Cologne to Barcelona has still not been finalised. The West German F.A. won't give their official go-ahead unless the Spanish club agree to release him for ALL international matches. Barcelona are willing to release Schuster only when it suits them, which would be very seldom and probably end the player's international career before it's really started.

UNWANTED HAT-TRICK



IN Argentina's National Championship one of the favourites, Huracan, are having a miserable time. They hit rock-bottom in their home match against Boca Juniors when, having conceded a goal after only two minutes, they went on to have three men sent-off!

Incidentally, Argentine international midfielder Juan Barbas (above) received marching orders on the same day. And Union striker Carlos Alvarez managed to get himself sent-off within 12 minutes of coming on as substitute!

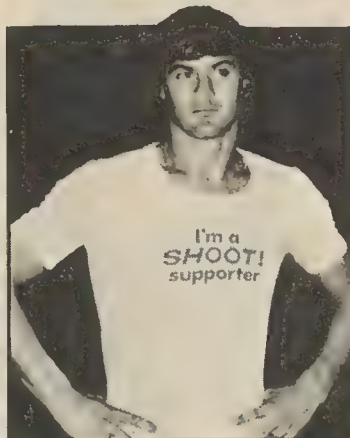
Maybe he had a nice warm spot on the bench . . .

AUSTRIAN manager Helmut Senekowitsch admits "the Greeks have knocked me out with their money," after accepting the post of Panathinaikos boss. 'Seneka' will receive £9,000 a month, plus free accommodation and a chauffeur-driven car.

End for Bettenga?

I'VE often heard British managers marvelling at Roberto Bettenga's technique, praising the Juventus striker for his skill and vision. Yet the goal (well, the centre that 'accidentally' crept into the far corner of the goal) against Luxembourg recently was his first for Italy for 18 months. Bettenga was sent-off shortly after scoring, and with the FIFA ban we could have seen the last of the 29-year-old star at international level. Italy were mercilessly criticised after their shabby display against Luxembourg and now that manager Enzo Bearzot is forced to make changes (Causio was also ordered off), we may see a new era for Italy with new faces being drafted in. Even so, one player destined to stay around for a while is 38-year-old goalkeeper Dino Zoff; he is still unchallenged between the sticks.

OFF-After 43 seconds



VALENCIA gleefully pocketed £240,000 in gate receipts when Real Madrid visited the Luis Csanova stadium — plus two vital points to maintain their title challenge.

Kempes hit both goals in their 2-1 win, but the picturesque note of the game came midway through the second-half when Madrid boss Vujadin Boskov sent on striker Rincón to replace Pineda.

Valencia defender and SHOOT supporter Botubot had flattened Pineda with an elbow in the stomach, and he greeted Rincón with a repeat performance.

The Real Madrid sub hit back; a linesman informed the referee; and both of them were given marching orders.

Poor Rincón had been on the pitch for precisely 43 seconds and hadn't touched the ball!

News flashes

● Bayern Munich's Under-10 team are claiming a world record for their 31-0 win over VfL Kaufering. They only play twenty minutes each way!

● Dutch team manager Jan Zwartkruis recently visited Ruud Krol in Italy and afterwards Krol said: "I hope to go on playing for Holland, at least until after the 1982 World Cup."

● The smallest goalkeeper in the Bundesliga is Herhard Helmze of Duisberg. He stands only 1 metre 76 cms or 5ft 9½ins in his socks.

● Sead Susic, the young international star of Yugoslavia's FC Sarajevo, is now doing his military service and he will be badly missed by the national team in their World Cup bid.

● Kenneth Brylle, the young Danish centre-forward of Anderlecht, is really called Larsen — Kenneth Brylle Larsen, but the Belgians call him Brylle to avoid

confusion with Preben Larsen, another Dane in Belgium with SC Lokeren.

● 4,321,000 players are registered with the West German F.A., the DFB, for 1980-81, which is an increase of more than 85,000 on last season.

● At a Press conference in Vienna, Austria F.A. chairman Karl Sekanina issued an ultimatum to national team chief Karl Stotz: "We must get four points from our home and away games in Albania. We have lost a lot of prestige internationally since the World Cup, and you must get it back."

● FC Cologne have a new "black pearl" on the way up. 15-year-old Tony Buffoa, son of a doctor from Ghana, is playing for their B Youth team and is looking good.

● Ronnie Hellström, the Swedish international goalkeeper of FC Kaiserslautern in the Bundesliga, saved his 11th League penalty in Germany against Karlsruher SC and helped earn both points (1-0). He is now only one behind the all time Bundesliga record of penalty saves, held by former 1860 keeper, the Yugoslav Petar Radenkovic with 12.

● If Valencia manage to retain the European Cup Winners' Cup they'll have to re-name the competition the South American Cup Winners' Cup. Their vital goals against Monaco were scored by Kempes (Argentina), Morena (Uruguay) and Felman (Argentina).

● Brazil had a good result when they beat Paraguay in Asuncion 2-1. Zé Sergio and Reinaldo (now happily recovered from his knee injuries) scored for Brazil. A note of interest was that Roberthino, the outside-right, joined the party — and had to leave his bride in the middle of their honeymoon to play.

● Bulgaria's record international, Christo Bonev with 95 caps, is still the captain of Lokomotiv Plovdiv and has played a record 405 First Division games. But though he is still playing with skill this season, he won't add to his total because Lokomotiv are in Division II.

● The FK Austria - SC Rapid match in Vienna's West Stadium pulled in 20,000 for the 149th local derby between the old masters. Austria won 5-2, with Walter Schachner getting a hat-trick.

IN England the F.A. Cup is full of glamour, expectations and possibilities. Davids beating Goliaths, anura bumper gates. In West Germany, the Cup means little. Interest is minimal, even for the top sides. Look at this picture taken at the Bayern Munich/SWW Mannheim Cup-tie in the Olympic Stadium. Not a spectator in sight. There were, in fact, just 5,000 there; for the record Bayern won 4-2.



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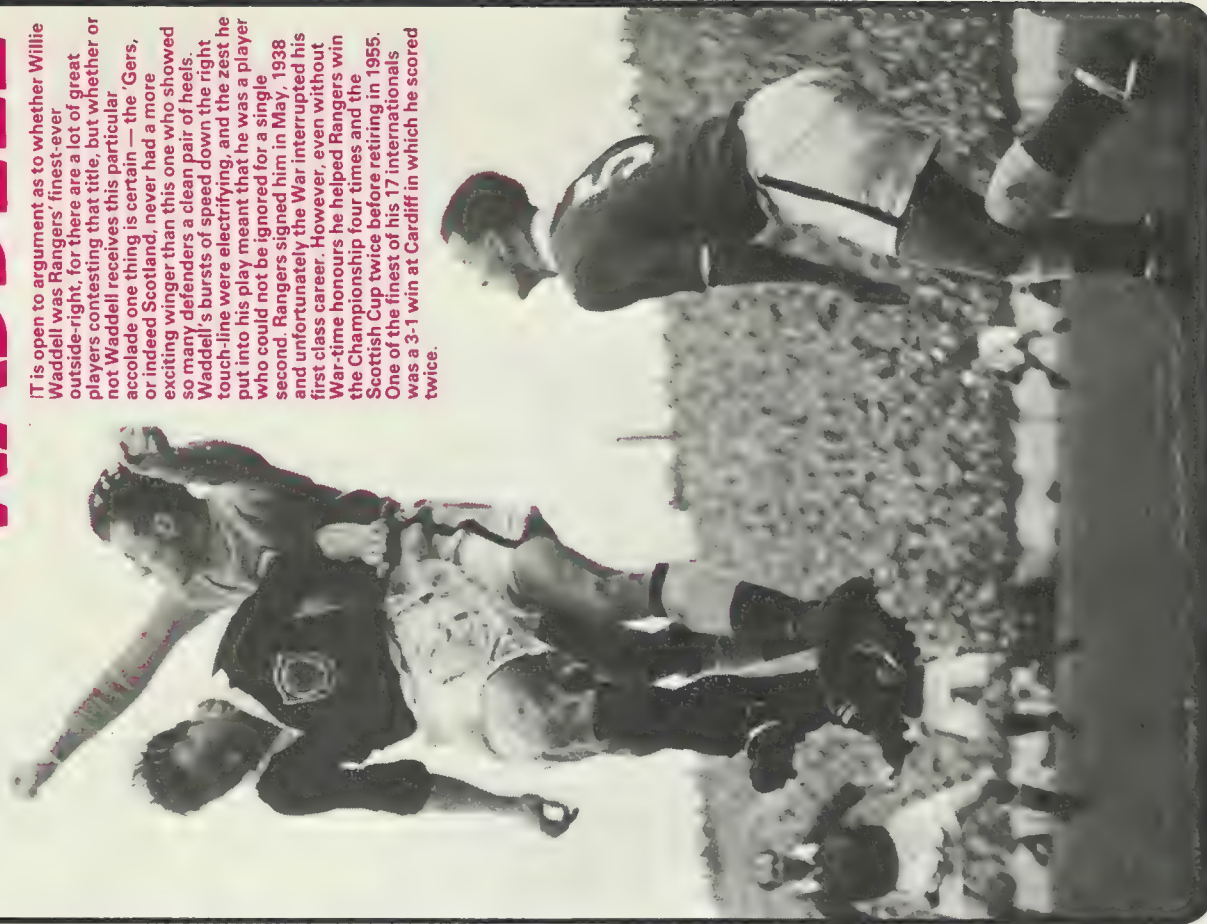


CAPTAIN of the Tottenham Hotspur team that brought real football back to the game in this country under the management of Arthur Rowe soon after World War Two, Ron Burgess from the Rhondda Valley became one of the finest attacking wing-halves of his generation. He captained the talented Spurs side that topped the Second Division in 1949-50, won the League Championship the very next season, and followed that 12 months later by

finishing Championship runners-up. That is recommendation enough for any player. Ron Burgess was taken to London by Spurs in 1936 and had a spell with Northfleet. After a period on the White Hart Lane groundstaff he turned professional at £4 per week and made his League debut in 1938-39. Wales first called on his services early in the War and his international career spanned nearly 14 years to 1954.

WILLIE WADDELL

It is open to argument as to whether Willie Waddell was Rangers' finest-ever outside-right, for there are a lot of great players contesting that title, but whether or not Waddell receives this particular accolade one thing is certain — the 'Gers, or indeed Scotland, never had a more exciting winger than this one who showed so many defenders a clean pair of heels. Waddell's bursts of speed down the right touch-line were electrifying, and the zest he put into his play meant that he was a player who could not be ignored for a single second. Rangers signed him in May, 1938 and unfortunately the War interrupted his first class career. However, even without War-time honours he helped Rangers win the Championship four times and the Scottish Cup twice before retiring in 1955. One of the finest of his 17 internationals was a 3-1 win at Cardiff in which he scored twice.



RUUD KROL

RATED alongside Franz Beckenbauer as the classiest 'sweeper' of the 1970's, Ruud Krol (born March 24, 1949) has achieved the peaks of club and international football with both Ajax and the Dutch national team. Krol arrived in the Ajax team in 1969, but broke a leg in 1970 and missed the first of the Amsterdam club's three consecutive European Cup wins. Alongside Krol in the 1973 Ajax side were men like Cruyff, Suurbier, Neeskens, Haan and Rep who, a year later, were to dazzle the world in the World Cup Finals with their special brand of 'total football' — only to lose to hosts West Germany in the Final. Four years later history was to repeat itself in Argentina, though Krol was widely acclaimed as the best 'sweeper' of the tournament. Another outstanding performance in the 1980 European Championship, coupled with his departure to US soccer left Europe without one of its major footballing talents. But the Dutchman returned in the autumn to join Italian club Napoli on a short-term contract before returning to Vancouver Whitecaps.



LIVERPOOL 1978/79



AFTER becoming the first British side to retain the European Cup, Liverpool reached their peak in 1978-79 by winning the League with a new record bag of 68 points. For sheer consistency in what is still one of the world's most gruelling competitions, that will take some beating. They finished eight points ahead of nearest rivals Nottingham Forest, but possibly more important, they scored goals at a rate not equalled by a Championship-winning team since Manchester United netted 89 in 1964-65. Liverpool's account was even better, for although their total was three less they created another League record for a 42-match season by conceding only 16! Indeed, at home, where they were undefeated, only four teams were able to score as much as a goal apiece. On the other hand the Reds hammered Manchester City, Norwich City and Bolton Wanderers 4-1 away and trounced Spurs 7-0, Derby County 5-0 and Norwich City 6-0 at Anfield. After losing 1-0 at Bristol City just before Christmas there was never any doubt Liverpool would win the Championship, for they were undefeated throughout the second half of this glorious campaign. Principal members of the team — Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Alan Kennedy, Phil Thompson, Ray Kennedy, Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Jimmy Case, Steve Heighway, Terry McDermott, Graeme Souness and David Johnson. League record: P42 W30 D8 L4 F86 A16 Pts68.

PAT JENNINGS

THE most capped Northern Irish player of all time. Born in Newry, he was first spotted by Watford, and during his first season with the Vicarage Road club, 17-year-old Jennings made his full international debut against Wales in April, 1964. After making a further appearance for the Ulstermen, Jennings was signed by Tottenham, and it was during his 13-year association with the White Hart Lane club that he fully established himself as one of the world's greatest goalkeepers. Taking over from the popular Bill Brown, Jennings soon proved himself with the fans, helping the club win the F.A. Cup in 1967, the U.E.F.A. Cup in

1972 and the League Cup in 1971 and 1972. A master of the reflex save, Jennings' unorthodox methods left many a striker completely bewildered. He made a total of 472 League appearances for Spurs, still a club record. The end of an era for Jennings and Spurs came when Keith Burkinshaw succeeded Terry Neill as Tottenham manager. The new man decided to give the younger goalkeepers a chance, and released Jennings for just £40,000 to Arsenal. Since that move Pat has appeared in three more F.A. Cup Finals as well as last season's Cup-Winners' Cup Final. He has made 83 full appearances for Northern Ireland.



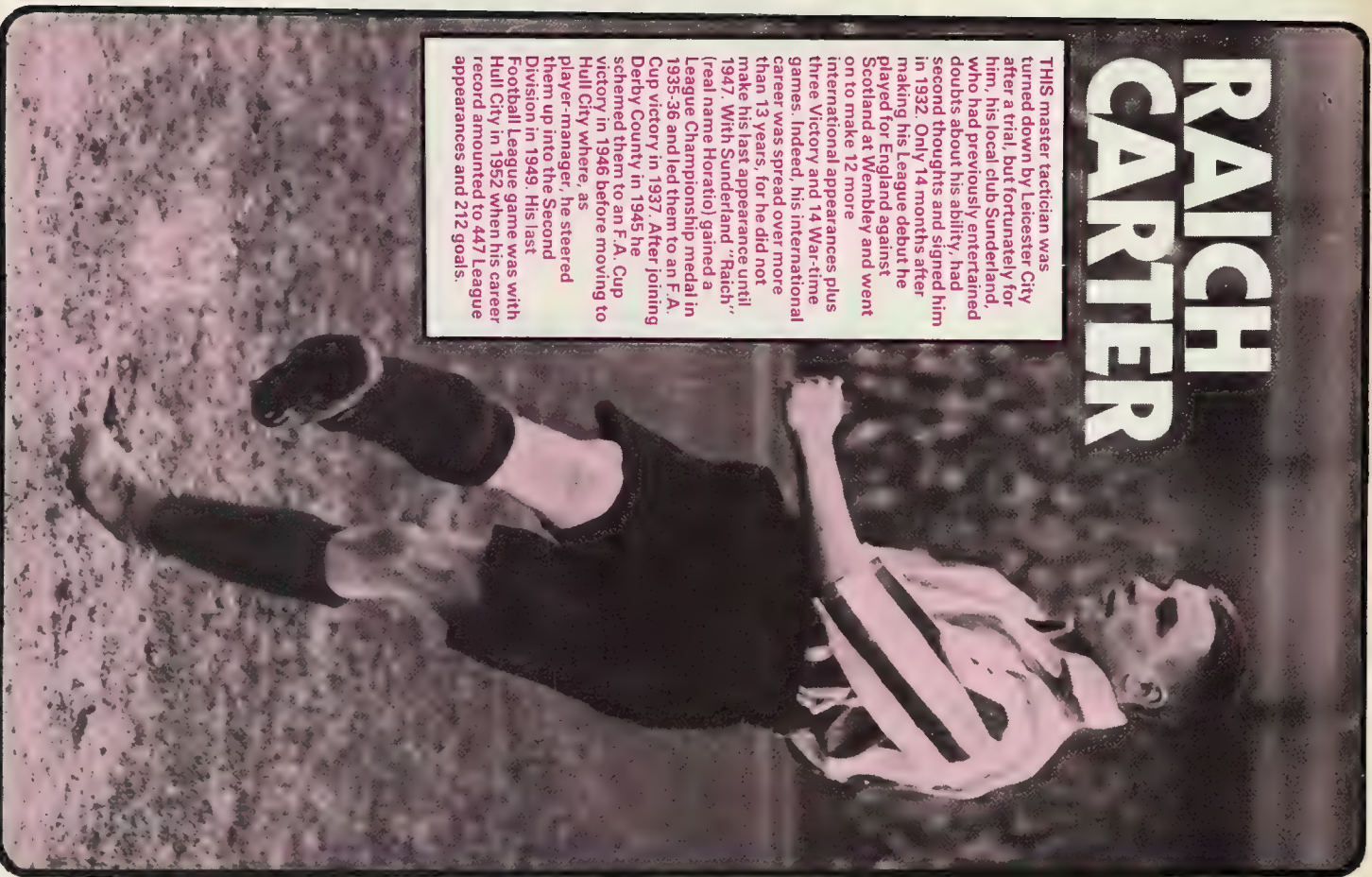
TERRY COOPER

THE master of the overlap, left-back Terry Cooper was one of the truly world-class members of the England sides of the 1970's. Born in Castleford, Cooper was signed by his local club Leeds United, and under the guidance of Don Revie rapidly developed into a defender of outstanding proportions. A key member of the United side which dominated English football for nearly ten years, his inevitable call-up to the England side was delayed until 1969 by the presence of Ray Wilson. But once Cooper had been given his chance, he wasted no time in making up for

lost ground. Possibly England's outstanding player during the 1970 World Cup Finals, his career received a cruel blow when he broke a leg in 1972. That injury kept him out of the 1972 and 1973 F.A. Cup Finals, and also limited him to a total of just 20 full England caps, the last coming in 1975 against Portugal. After 250 League games and more than ten years with Leeds, Cooper moved on to serve his former team-mate Jack Charlton at Middlesbrough, before travelling south to help Bristol City and, currently, Bristol Rovers, where he is now player-manager.

RAICH CARTER

THIS master tactician was turned down by Leicester City after a trial, but fortunately for him, his local club Sunderland, who had previously entertained doubts about his ability, had second thoughts and signed him in 1932. Only 14 months after making his League debut he played for England against Scotland at Wembley and went on to make 12 more international appearances plus three Victory and 14 War-time games. Indeed, his international career was spread over more than 13 years, for he did not make his last appearance until 1947. With Sunderland "Raich" (real name Horatio) gained a League Championship medal in 1935-36 and led them to an F.A. Cup victory in 1937. After joining Derby County in 1945 he schemed them to an F.A. Cup victory in 1946 before moving to Hull City where, as player-manager, he steered them up into the Second Division in 1949. His last Football League game was with Hull City in 1952 when his career record amounted to 447 League appearances and 212 goals.



DIDI

EIGHTY-FIVE matches in the yellow shirt of Brazil and two World Cup titles made Didi, alias Waldyr Pereira, one of the legends of Brazilian football. An attacking inside-forward and a genius with the ball at his feet, Didi could lay off long passes with the accuracy of a billiards player, and hit lethal free-kicks that zig-zagged past opposing keepers! Brazil's scoring trio of Pelé, Vava and Garrincha gave maximum scope to his creative skills, and the side hit 30 goals in winning the 1958 and 1962 World Cups. At club level, Didi (born on October 8th, 1928) played for Fluminense, Flamengo and Botafogo, then picked up a European Cup medal at the age of 31 after joining Real Madrid for a solitary campaign. A respected manager since his retirement, he made his name by directing the attractive Peru team in the 1970 World Cup.



TOSTAO

A KEY member of the Brazilian team that won the 1970 World Cup, Tostao's poise, fitness and intelligent team play, coupled with a genius for being in the right place at the right time, proved to be the perfect counterfoil for the explosive individual skills of Pelé, Rivelino and Jairzinho. Not a genuinely prolific goalscorer, Tostao nevertheless played a vital role by always being on the spot to lay off lightning-fast 'one-twos' in the heart of the opponents' area. Only 23 at the time (Eduardo Gonçalves Andrade "Tostao" was born on January 25th, 1947) the 'White Pelé' of the Brazilian side looked to have a brilliant future at top level. But, tragically, serious eye trouble put a premature end to his career in 1973 when he'd represented his country just 45 times.

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Mind you, Dad never tires of remembering the day he played for Tottenham at Anfield and won 3-0. That was in the early 60's when Super Spurs were marching on to glory.

I don't know anything about those days, of course, only what I read in old soccer annuals I have at home.

Ever since I can remember, though, Liverpool have been one unbroken success story, unequalled in modern times.

There's only once I doubted The Red Machine would go motoring on forever, when Bob Paisley took over from the legendary Bill Shankly as manager during the summer of 1974.

However, in true Anfield tradition, Mr. Paisley not only carried on winning honours, but prepared an even better squad for the 80's.

All top clubs go through what is called a "transitional period", a spell of rebuilding when indifferent form and results can last a couple of seasons. All, that is, except Liverpool. They seem to go from strength to strength.

Favourites

True, they didn't have the best of starts this season, but they are still firm favourites to collect at least one major trophy to add to the Charity Shield already sitting in the Anfield Boardroom following their victory over West Ham at Wembley.

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tremendous desire to succeed, a characteristic ingrained in everyone connected with the club from Chairman down to the tea lady.

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This creates healthy competition for first team places, keeping established first team stars on their toes.

Naturally, I'd love to play for Liverpool. So would every professional footballer worth his salt. Looking at the chances they create I couldn't fail to score lots of goals for them.

Not that Bob Paisley is thinking of replacing Dave Johnson and Kenny Dalglish, two of the finest strikers in the business.

Kenny's strength and sharpness

in the penalty-area is perfectly complemented by Dave's speed and power on the ground and in the air.

But much as I admire their skills, my Liverpool favourite is skipper Phil Thompson, a Scouser born and bred. Phil's so much in love with Liverpool I believe he'd pull on that famous red shirt for nothing.

As I said in a previous column, Phil was man-of-the-match when I kicked off my Palace career at Anfield on the first Saturday of the season.

His timing of tackles, marking ability and all round vision are superb. You could almost see him reading his way through the game. Phil is worth a goal start to Liverpool.

Palace were beaten 3-0 that afternoon, but as Phil said afterwards, we were by no means disgraced.

There's no set formula to beat Liverpool. Shut up shop and try to stop them playing means they'll simply adopt an alternative plan. Liverpool love teams to go to Anfield and defend.

The way to beat Liverpool is to attack them, especially if one or two players are having a rare off-day. Create an element of surprise. It could work.



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Houses are painted in either red or blue. People talk about football all the time . . . on buses . . . in the streets . . . in shops . . . in taxis . . . in the pubs and clubs. I've never experienced so much fervour in my life.

Ambition

When I walked out at Anfield on August 16th it was a dream come true for me . . . the fulfilment of an ambition since my primary school days.

Obviously I was a target for The Kop following my two £1 million moves. But it was all good natured fun.

This Saturday (November 15th) Palace entertain Liverpool and welcome a few thousand of their fans to Selhurst Park.

As you can imagine this match is vital for a Palace side still striving to get away from the bottom of the First Division.

Playing against The Reds is all the motivation The Eagles need to provide one of the major shocks of the day.

That's something else about Liverpool. They make headlines when they DON'T get a result away.

THE big Soccer Switch has been given the red card by SHOOT readers. In our survey of football on T.V., an overwhelming majority voted for the television companies to revert to their traditional times. Not only that, but almost 80 per cent said ITV's Saturday night show was on much too late.

SOCCER

- Several factors emerged from the survey:
- John Motson of the BBC was the number one commentator
 - Readers voted 70% in favour of BBC and ITV switching back to their old slots.
 - Ideal times would be much earlier on Saturday evening and nearer lunchtime on Sunday.
 - ITV should show a national game instead of regionalising matches
 - Less chat and more action
 - Less emphasis on the bad points of football

Many readers, especially younger ones, complained that ITV's show is on much too late on Saturday evening.

It does seem ironic that in order to watch ITV's soccer show, youngsters have to sit through the Hammer House of Horror! It's almost midnight before most ITV regions end their football and for younger fans that is simply too late.

The problem is that ITV especially are interested only in ratings (Hammer House does well) and the week-by-week soccer programmes do not attract large audiences. Fans will tune into Cup Finals and top international matches, and these will figure in the Top 20. Yet an 'ordinary' League game doesn't have anything like a similar appeal.

Unless football becomes a more popular televised sport — popular

enough to put it higher in the ratings — it won't get a better viewing slot.

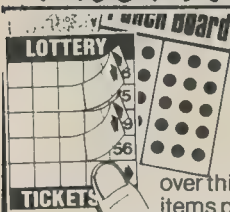
And, of course, as far as the television companies are concerned, it's dog eat dog. The BBC, understandably, have rivalled ITV with some good films, such as Pelham 123, which run into the football. Plus Michael Parkinson's chat show, which, the Beeb claim, makes many people switch over to in the middle of ITV's soccer.

At least ITV have been spared having to take on the dastardly JR. BBC's decision to run the new series of Dallas on a Sunday has brought a huge sigh of relief from the commercial companies.

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SWITCH-OFF!



be on earlier, but their hands are tied at the moment.

Generally speaking, our replies said the BBC's soccer presentation was the better, although these views were mainly from readers in the regions as opposed to London Weekend's *The Big Match*, which most thought as good as *Match of the Day*.

Perhaps fans were just used to the traditional TV slots, with MOTD on Saturday evening and ITV on Sunday afternoon.

Many reckoned the present tea-time slot for *Match of the Day* was too late and would prefer ITV's old time of just after lunch.

Our readers said that they were too often out at five o'clock, but would be at home (or, in some cases, just back from the pub!) at 2.30.

Controversial

The majority of readers did not like to see the bad points of the game highlighted. They felt soccer has enough bad publicity without television showing controversial decisions or tackles over and over again.

The argument against this is that television has often shown a 'culprit' to be innocent or a referee perfectly correct, when the fans may not have realised this at the time.

Many Scots living in England would like to see highlights of a Premier Division match, but only three games can be shown on each programme and it's unlikely English T.V. would sacrifice one of these for Scottish action.

But both channels are always on the look out for ways to improve their programmes, and such competition can only increase the quality for viewers.

'We'd like to be back on Saturdays'~BBC

MIKE MURPHY, *Match of the Day* editor said: "We're delighted with our ratings, considering we're going out on a Sunday. Our figures are around 7,000,000 at the moment. Our Saturday figures were between 10 and 12, but we went out at a better time. I'd say our present audience is about 50 per cent more than ITV had on Sundays.

"We'd like to be back on Saturday evening, but under the present contractual arrangement we can't.

"I wouldn't say that soccer is not a big attraction on T.V. If our audience has changed because of the switch, we probably have more kids watching now. We get almost as many letters from women as men, by the way.

"There are no plans for us to go out earlier. We thought two o'clock would be a 'dead' time and we're more than happy with our present figures from tea time.

"We can only show 45 minutes football. Your readers say they'd like less chat — our letters indicate that viewers enjoy seeing incidents discussed.

"Our commentators do a great job and we have a first-class team. It's enormous credit to them they've done so well. Their scrutiny must be high and we put a lot of effort into finding the right men. I think we offer first-class entertainment to our viewers."

ABOVE... your top two commentators — John Motson (left) of the BBC and ITV's Brian Moore.

'Fans can't see any more action'~ITV

LONDON WEEKEND'S *Big Match* producer Bob Gardam said: "I'm satisfied but not necessarily pleased with our ratings. There seems to be some apathy on behalf of the general public to football. The European Championship was poor and the sport has had a lot of bad publicity with hooliganism.

"I think it's fair to say people don't like changes — they're traditionalists. Our Saturday night slot came about because the controllers of the ITV companies saw Saturday evening as the best time for soccer viewing.

"I can sympathise with those in the regions. Fans are used to seeing the best matches on Saturday. Regional T.V. possibly works better on Sundays. I remember starting *Match of the Week* in Anglia back in the 1960's and it was extremely popular.

"Last season *The Big Match* was the best soccer programme on T.V. and while we've made it more newsy to suit the time slot, I still believe it's as good. Jim Rosenthal has been an excellent addition to the team.

"Our South of England figures are about 7½ million. We never sacrifice football for chat. We're allowed 45 minutes of action and we even go a little over this at times.

"I would like us to be on earlier, though, and the signs are good that this may happen. I sympathise with younger supporters and we're obviously losing some viewers because of the late finish.

"We can't go out before 10 o'clock because of regulations, but I'd like to get nearer that time-slot soon."

TOP COMMENTATOR

John Motson (BBC)	40%
Brian Moore (ITV)	30%
Barry Davies (BBC)	15%
Jimmy Hill (BBC)	5%
David Coleman (BBC)	4%
Rest	6%

In favour of switch	70%
Against switch	30%

The winners of our T.V. competition will be announced in SHOOT as soon as possible.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

LEAGUE CUP

The Fourth Round of the League Cup was played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Watford, once again, produced the shock of the round when they beat Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest 4-1 at Vicarage Road. Who was their hero who scored a hat-trick?

2. Why was the Tottenham v Arsenal clash at White Hart Lane postponed until the following week?

3. Second Division Cambridge United drew 1-1 with Coventry City. Was the game played at the Abbey Stadium or Highfield Road?

4. How many goals did Dennis Tueart (right) score for Manchester City in their 5-1 victory against Notts County at Maine Road?

5. West Brom and Preston drew their first game 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2 at The Hawthorns or Deepdale?

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Aberdeen were knocked out of the Scottish League Cup by First Division Dundee on a 1-0 aggregate score.

2. Scunthorpe United play their home Fourth Division games at the Old Show Ground.

3. Preston North End's John Blackley is a full Northern Ireland international.

4. Johnny Giles was manager of the Republic of Ireland international side before Eoin Hand took over.

5. Wolverhampton Wanderers' Dave Thomas has played for Birmingham, Q.P.R. and Everton.



ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (2) Brush. (4) Ban. (5) Reds. (7) Flag. (8) Mortimer. (13) Devine. (14) Reilly. (16) Hartford. (18) Eric. (20) Town. (22) Any. (23) Brisk.

DOWN:— (1) Muirton. (2) Bond. (3) Hod. (4) Brazier. (6) Ski. (7) Fresh. (9) Turn. (10) McIlroy. (11) Relic. (12) Jeff. (15) Francis. (17) Tot. (19) Wark. (21) Orb.

GROUND

Can you name the home grounds of the following English and Scottish League clubs?

1. Berwick Rangers.
2. York City.
3. Wrexham.
4. Stockport County.
5. Dundee United.
6. Stirling Albion.
7. Wigan Athletic.
8. Partick Thistle.
9. Stranraer.
10. Mansfield Town.

ODD ONE OUT

1. Which one of these clubs — Millwall, Carlisle United or Burnley — has never played in the First Division?

2. Select the striker from the following — Gordon Davies (Fulham), Joey Jones (Wrexham), or John Beck (Fulham)?



3. Willie Young (Arsenal, below) Asa Hartford (Everton) and Derek Showers (Portsmouth) are international players ... which one is not a Scotland player?

4. Which one of these clubs — Preston North End, Bury or Hull City — has never won the F.A. Cup?

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TRACE-A-TEAM

The names of 11 past and present Derby County players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

ANSWERS

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Brian Laws (left) and Derek Scott (right).

BURNLEY BACK FROM THE DEAD

BURNLEY recently broke a long-standing club record when they won eight games without conceding a goal.

A year ago such a thought would have been dismissed as total fantasy as the once great team from a tiny Northern mill belt prepared to plunge into the depth of the bottom half of the Football League.

Suddenly, four games into the 1980/81 season, they started to play. Their confidence returned and they started to believe in themselves again.

The reason was the promotion of Brian Miller, who had been at the club as office boy, player and coach for 29 years, to manager. Burnley were back from the dead.

"In the 12 months since I took over, a lot has happened," said Miller. "Twenty two players have left the club and five have arrived.

*Burnley manager
Brian Miller.*

I've given the youngsters a chance and they've taken it. What's more, as well as Third Division success our reserves are at the top of the Central League.

"We've made changes. Martin Dobson is a revelation. He's worked hard and his experience is beginning to show. He's the best in the country in his position. He really has added strength to the back four.

"I've made other changes. Players like Dave Holt from Oldham, Tommy Cassidy from Newcastle, Eric Potts from Preston and Steve Taylor from Mansfield have arrived.

"Another important factor is the change in tactics. For instance, Phil

Cavener has a different role, playing central instead of on the wing.

"The attitude is good. When, for instance, Sheffield United broke our no goals record it didn't affect the lads. They just got on with the game and we won 3-2. It was a good, entertaining game.

"My ambition this season is to see Burnley return to Division Two. If I do that, everybody will celebrate. We're a small town and can't spend too much or pull on big resources.

"Burnley are still regarded as a First Division team, and I want the club to return to former glories."

Martin Dobson epitomises the new found spirit after the disasters of last season.

"I think our success is down to being in an easier Division. That is why we are where we are," says the former England star.

"It was a nightmare last season, loss of fans, confidence, no changing of players from game to

game. That made it worse, we really needed to alter things around as performances got worse.

"The change in our approach coincided with the appointment of Brian Miller, last Christmas. Although we were eventually relegated, we all knew Brian was on the right lines," added Dobson.

"Our game suffered at first, but that was due to the changes the boss introduced. Phil Cavener went central and I moved into

defence. That was a major decision, because we were conceding goals. There was no build-up from the back, we needed more patience.

"The team changed, we had discussions amongst ourselves, the management and coaching staff.

"I am convinced Brian is on the right lines.

"He has picked up a lot of useful tips from the likes of Frank Casper as chief coach. They are looking at the club and making changes all the time.

"Harmony has been brought back, but we still have a long way to go.

"Eight games without conceding a goal has shown we are improving. We desperately need to get back to Division Two.

"If Blackburn can go from the bottom of Division Three to the top of Division Two and look ready to go even further, then we can do likewise.

"It all depends on success. It's how the team plays, not individuals."

Burnley are endeavouring to entertain. The game against Sheffield United was like a Cup-tie rather than a League match.

Let's hope that the excitement of the Third Division brings Second Division success for this famous club.

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'CITY NOW PLAY THE NORWICH WAY'

says Kevin Reeves



THE undisguised delight with which Kevin Reeves greeted John Bond's appointment as manager of Manchester City was due to two factors — the player's belief in the man and his deep-rooted respect for Bond's ability as a coach.

Reeves and Bond are no strangers. The England striker was signing schoolboy forms for Bournemouth when Bond was

boss at Dean Court and jumped at the chance of joining him at Norwich as an ambitious 19-year-old three years later.

Now, just when Reeves' meteoric rise to fame was beginning to shuffle sideways in the utter confusion that has permeated Maine Road, he is together again with the manager who did so much to guide his career.

Reeves admits: "I have a selfish reason for welcoming John Bond's arrival as well as a general reason. I owe him an awful lot and feel very confident that things will pick up again by working for him. I also believe he can keep City in the First Division this season and make them a powerful side in 1981."

Reeves was raw when he arrived at Carrow Road. But he had 20 goals to show for 60 League appearances for Bournemouth and went on to score 36 in 118 League games for Norwich before Malcolm Allison splashed more than £1 million towards the end of last season.

"After enjoying a successful striking partnership with Justin Fashanu at Norwich, I found life difficult in Manchester. The style of play was different, we rarely managed to field a settled side and although Mike Robinson was also at the club then, I never actually played in the same team as him," recalls Reeves.

The big price-tag, however, had

little to do with the player's form at Maine Road.

"I was worried at first, but when I arrived I discovered that I was only one of a number of players signed for huge fees. That took away some of the pressure I had anticipated."

As Manchester City fumbled and stumbled their way to the bottom of the First Division, shrewd Bond kept modest Norwich up among the game's traditionally bigger names with a combination of good coaching and thrifty spending.

Reeves says: "When I joined Norwich I did not realise how much I had to learn. John Bond taught me about the game of football from a tactical point of view. He emphasised the importance of making unselfish runs and timing my runs to receive the ball. He educated me in the art of playing off other players and how to utilise space. The man has a deep knowledge of football tactics."

But what can he offer Manchester City now that can keep them up for another season?

"His ability to get the best out of players," says Reeves: "Under Malcolm Allison we were encouraged to receive the ball, run with it, take on men and look up

for support in areas where it should have been. But very often this did not work and we were punished for losing possession and getting caught out of position.

"Our first League win of the season came in John Bond's second game in charge. How? He got us playing the Norwich way! This is not as complicated as it sounds. The boss believes that attack is the best method of defence. So he told us to get the ball up to the front men quickly and without fuss. Then support the man in possession.

"This was achieved by getting the lads to receive the ball, look up, play it early, making the ball do the travelling, then supporting the man with the ball.

'Pressure'

"We hit Spurs quickly and from all angles. We kept their defence under pressure and we were 3-0 up before they scored a consolation goal.

"Directness, hard work, dedication and simplicity are the key factors of John Bond's management. At Norwich he kept us on our toes by openly blasting the team, and individuals, after certain sub-standard performances. He had no favourites and everyone knew that an off day in terms of contribution and effort would be publicly blasted.

"He will inject confidence into the side, bring in his own players, slowly but surely with careful buying and give this club an incredible lift.

"The arrival of Scottish international Tommy Hutchinson his Coventry City team-mate Bobby Macdonald and Gerry Gow from Bristol City, adds experience to the squad. I believe that we will all feel the benefit of John Bond's arrival at Maine Road."

John Bond is welcomed to Maine Road by Manchester City chairman Peter Swales.



Cut-price Munro adds fire to Stoke

A THREE month nightmare was finally ended when Scottish international utility star Iain Munro blasted a piledriver past Southampton 'keeper Ivan Katalinic to help his new club Stoke City to a shock 2-1 victory at The Dell.

"You must have been able to hear my sigh of relief in Scotland," says Munro, who signed for a bargain £160,000 only three days before that game on October 11.

It's easy to understand Munro's elation these days, because the player has never hidden the fact that he wanted to try his luck in English football. But at one stage recently it looked as though he might be playing in Spain after a behind the scenes dispute with St Mirren.

That row almost wrecked the career of the player who made his international career as a left-back last year against Argentina at Hampden, but will now be operating in midfield for Stoke.

"It's a chapter in my life that is now behind me," says Munro. "I much prefer to look forward. Stoke are a good club and I'm happy to be here."

Manager Alan Durban is delighted with his capture. He says: "In the close season I was prepared to pay over £200,000 for the player. Things didn't work out at that stage, however, but I never lost my interest in Munro."

"I know he is a player who can do a good job for this club. He is a 100 per cent professional and to get him with a few thousand pounds knocked off was a real bonus."

So where did Munro go wrong in those three months of torment? He had talks with Durban but rejected the move, and it looked as though he would stay at Love Street.

However, it appears that certain conditions promised by The Saints weren't going to be

met and Munro refused to sign a new contract.

Having already turned down the move to Stoke, that left him firmly out in the cold. He wasn't even getting a game on a Saturday, and desperation to play for someone took him to Spain, where he had talks and trials with the Hercules club of Alicante.

Munro thought over their deal and, in the meantime, signed a 28-day contract which allowed him to turn out for St Mirren. He played one game against Kilmarnock and was surprisingly on his way South to have talks with Alan Durban!

This time there were no hitches. Munro signed on the dotted line, St Mirren collected a cut-price fee for their international star and Durban got a player who could give his midfield the kiss of life.

'Excited'

"I've always said that English football was a challenge," says Munro. "Now that I have eventually moved I'm excited at the thought of playing in front of the bigger crowds and the atmosphere they can generate."

Now the whirlpool has finally settled for the intelligent, articulate Munro, who must have wondered at one stage if he would ever play big time football again.

That whiplash shot behind Katalinic heralded his new career in English football. He says: "I've waited a long time to get here. Now that I have arrived I'm determined to succeed."



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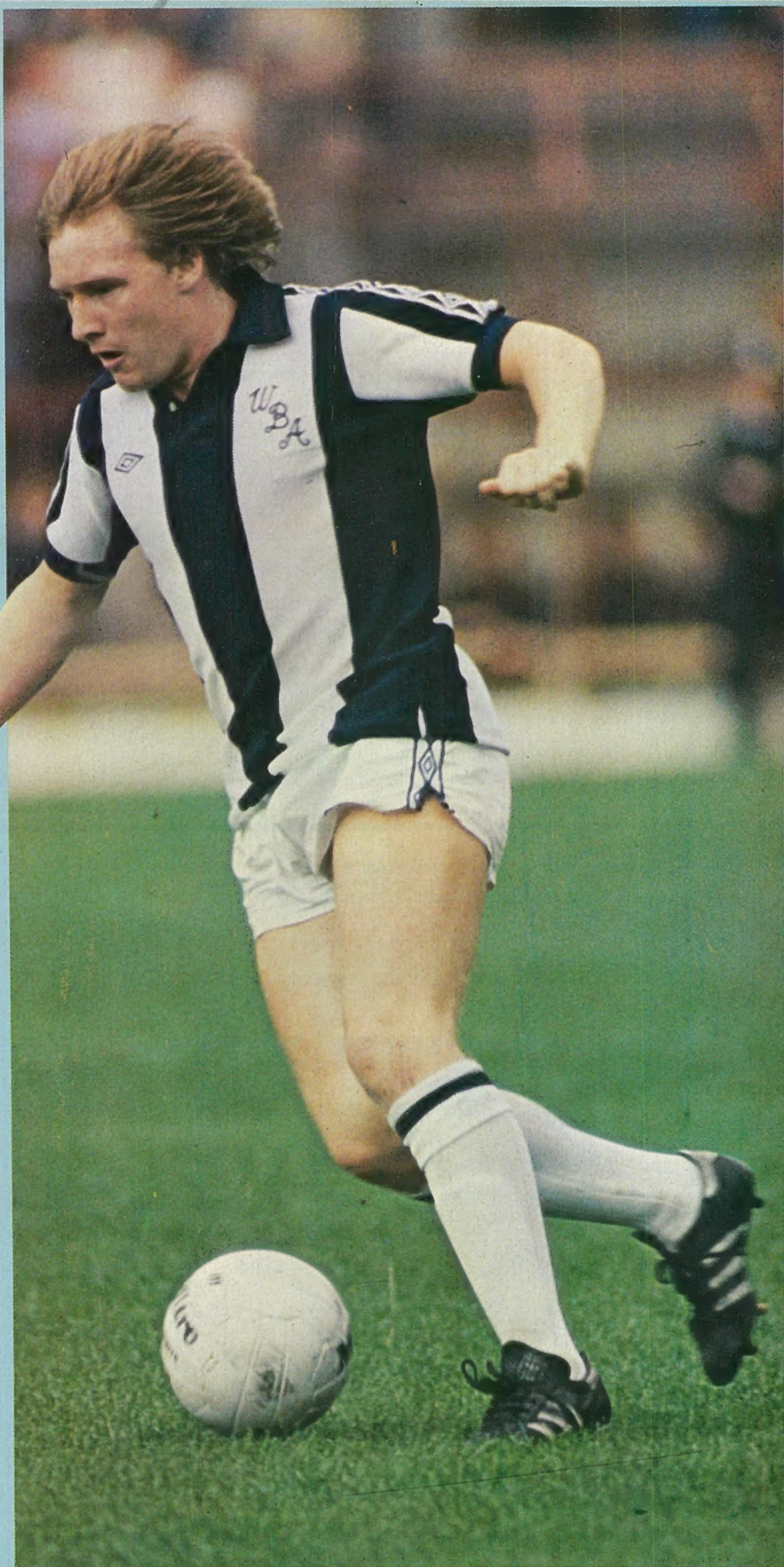
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FULL NAME: Derek Statham
BIRTHPLACE: Wolverhampton
BIRTHDATE: March 24, 1959
HEIGHT: 5ft 6ins
WEIGHT: 11st 2lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: No
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: The Sun
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Tony Currie and Kenny Dalglish
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Remi Moses
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Chelsea
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, squash
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut v Stoke City
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The 1978 F.A. Cup Semi-Final v Ipswich
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Liverpool
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Steak and chips, milk, lager
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Relaxing and winning/ignorant people
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Corfu
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Benny Hill and Victoria Principal
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Staying in bed
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Eagles, Jacksons, Supertramp
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Relaxing drink with friends
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents and Johnny Giles for giving me my chance at Albion
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth and Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for England and to be happy
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Motor mechanic
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

Derek Statham



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